

Mr. Peyton Ford  
Deputy Attorney General

December 7, 1950

Director, FBI

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG

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With reference to your memorandum of December 6, 1950, indicating that you had a request from Secretary of Defense Marshall for certain information regarding Dr. Wesley Swift, Benjamin Freedman and [redacted] I thought you would be interested to know that such information as is available was furnished to Secretary Marshall's office the evening of December 6, 1950.

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There is being transmitted a copy of a report containing certain investigation conducted with reference to a most recent allegation concerning the above entitled matter. A copy of the report reflecting the results of this latest investigation has been furnished to Secretary Marshall today. In addition, a copy of this report is being transmitted directly to Mr. Donald Dawson, Administrative Assistant to the President.

In view of the allegations, an investigation is continuing and you will be furnished with additional reports as soon as they are received.

It is requested that the attached report which is furnished for your confidential information and the sources of information therein be protected in order that the contents not be divulged to unauthorized persons. It is particularly desired that every precaution be taken to prevent any of the information contained in the report or the sources thereof from becoming known to the subject of this inquiry.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: ANNA ROSENBERG

DATE: December 6, 1950

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I today handed to Felix Larkin of Defense Secretary Marshall's office photostatic copies of the reports in the Anna Rosenberg case. This was a set identical to that which was furnished to Peyton Ford. In addition thereto, I allowed Larkin to read a memorandum which contained a summary of the information which we had in our files on [redacted]. A memorandum had been prepared containing such information, dated December 6, 1950, and a copy of this memorandum was shown him. The last page had been changed to [redacted]

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[redacted] in applicant cases where we wanted information concerning possible Communist Party affiliations. ~~(u)~~

I also allowed Mr. Larkin to look at the file on Benjamin Freedman, of 300 Central Park West, New York City. This was a file relating to the alleged civil rights violation which we investigated, involving a meeting which Freedman attempted to have which was broken up by a group of war veterans. This matter was investigated, the Department was furnished with complete details, and, based upon a decision of the Criminal Division, no further investigation was conducted as there was no violation.

Larkin was very appreciative of being allowed to see this information and also appreciative of being able to obtain the reports which were submitted in connection with the investigation of Anna Rosenberg at the time she was being considered for appointment to the National Security Resources Board.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
December 4, 1950

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Mr. Clegg returned Congressman Rankin's telephone call of 1:48PM. The Congressman wanted to know how the Senate Committee could get the Bureau files on Anna Rosenberg. Mr. Clegg advised him that he should contact the Attorney General who would let him know.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen  
 FROM : Mr. Callahan  
 SUBJECT: ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG  
 SPECIAL INQUIRY

DATE: December 7, 1950

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In accordance with your instructions to ASAC Stein, Supervisor Walter Levis of the New York Office called me and I pointed out to him that in reviewing the report submitted by New York early this morning, we had noticed that New York had set out but one lead of a general nature for itself. He stated he realized that and stated that the lead had been set out purposely that way in order to get the report into Washington.

He stated they contemplated going ahead with the investigation covering all of the leads which had just been suggested to them and any logical leads which presented themselves.

I asked him what was being done about Whittaker Chambers and he advised me that they had not contacted Chambers as yet. In accordance with your instructions, I thereupon told him to immediately ascertain if Chambers was in New York and if so, to interview him at once. I further told him if they found that Chambers was not in New York they should call the office covering his present whereabouts and give the office the appropriate information over the phone so that Chambers could be interviewed as soon as possible.

I also suggested several logical leads to them such as checking libraries and reference books such as "Editor and Publisher" with regard to the information appearing on page 8 to the effect that Mrs. Rosenberg had been connected with a magazine called "Science and Society" and in connection with the information to the effect that she had founded a social workers magazine.

I pointed out that on page 22 of the report there was a statement by De Sola at the bottom of the page, indicating that one Orric Johns had written a book concerning his life as a Communist in which he described the John Reed Club and DeSola had stated that this book may contain some data concerning Anna Marie Rosenberg. I suggested that they contact the appropriate libraries to see if they could locate this book and find out if there was any information pertaining to Rosenberg in it.

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Mr. Levis stated that they were interviewing [ ] with a view to obtaining a signed statement from him and that they would also endeavor to obtain more detailed information from him concerning his alleged association with Rosenberg and concerning the identity of parties who would be able to furnish information concerning her.

Levis stated that they had contacted Freedman and that while Freedman had apparently been anxious to talk and readily consented to an interview he was furnishing the agents nothing and stated he was under the orders of the Senate not to talk to anybody. This, of course, is ridiculous but so is Freedman. I asked Levis if they had found Hollam Richardson, Freedman's Attorney, yet and he said No, they were still trying to find him. b7D

I pointed out that there were a great many people who had been suggested to them as possible sources of information by [ ] and he said they were working on that angle. I pointed out to him that according to [ ] the John Reed Club and into the Communist Party was McGraw and that it was likewise McGraw who had allegedly told [ ] that Anna Marie Rosenberg was a member of the Communist Party and the John Reed Club and that it, therefore, appeared very important to locate him and interview him. He said that they were working on that lead.

He also stated that the supervision of the case was being transferred to the major case squad and would be under the supervision of Field Supervisor Thomas McAndrews.

He asked me if there would be any objection to the New York Office photographing pictures of Anna Rosenberg in the morgue of the New York Times newspaper inasmuch as they needed some photographs taken earlier than the one photo they had which appeared just a few weeks ago, namely they wanted some photographs taken in the period from 1935 to about 1940. On this question I told him to hold up until the Bureau had time to consider that request and after checking with you I told him not to attempt this until after 5 PM so that the Bureau would have a chance to pass on it.

I also reminded Levis that this was a very expeditious case and of prime importance. He stated he realized this and I told him to keep men on it right straight along and I asked him if he could wind the investigation up on it tonight, 12/7/50, and

Mr. Rosen

he stated that would be impossible but that they would stay on it and I reminded him to be sure to send us a summary teletype at the close of business today showing the developments in the case. He stated he definitely would see that this was done.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

This matter will be followed closely in order to bring it to a conclusion at the earliest possible date.

cc: Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Callan  
Mr. Pitzer

December 11, 1950

Mr. Peyton Ford  
Deputy Attorney General

Director, FBI

ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG  
OFFICIAL INQUIRY  
ALLEGATION OF MEMBERSHIP  
IN THE JOHN REED CLUB

~~RECEIVED AND CONTROLLED~~  
~~BY SPECIAL AGENT~~

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Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated December 7, 1950, furnishing you a report pertaining to the captioned matter.

There are attached two cover reports and also a photostatic copy of the cover sheet of the December 6, 1947 issue of "New Masses" and an article therein by Mrs. Rosenberg. Reference to this article appears in the attached Washington Field Office report.

Copies of the above have been furnished directly to Mr. Donald Dawson, Administrative Assistant to the President.

The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished with additional reports as soon as they are received.

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FOR  
The Attorney General

December 11, 1950

Director, FBI

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

MRS. ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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Information has been received to the effect that there have been numerous representations circulated among officials in Washington by friends of Mrs. Anna Marie Rosenberg, who has recently been appointed Assistant Secretary of Defense, indicating that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is the agency which apparently is responsible for the present investigation of Mrs. Rosenberg. The FBI is being blamed for instigating the present charges which have been made concerning Mrs. Rosenberg, namely that she was connected with the Communist Party and with the John Reed Club, an alleged Communist dominated organization which is now defunct.

You may wish to know that after Mrs. Rosenberg was appointed a Labor Consultant in the National Security Resources Board and after this appointment had been the subject of comment in the Press, Mr. Stuart Symington, Chairman of the National Security Resources Board, requested this Bureau to conduct an investigation of Mrs. Rosenberg. I personally objected to this procedure because she was already employed; however, at the instance of Mr. Symington, this investigation was conducted. After this investigation was completed, it is understood, Mrs. Rosenberg made comments which were critical of the FBI, apparently because we had investigated her.

During the course of this investigation we did not receive any information of a derogatory nature pertaining to Mrs. Rosenberg other than that she was described by some persons interviewed as being loquacious and as engaging in the practice of using the names of prominent individuals in a manner which would indicate that she was on very close terms with them, when, as a matter of fact, this was not always the case.

Subsequently when she was appointed Assistant Secretary of Defense, Secretary George Marshall requested copies of reports of the above-mentioned investigation concerning Mrs. Rosenberg, and we did furnish such reports to him; however, we did not conduct any investigation of her in connection with her appointment to the

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The Attorney General

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position of Assistant Secretary of Defense.

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Thereafter, a representative of Secretary Marshall's Office advised us of an allegation made by [redacted] to the effect that Mrs. Rosenberg had been pointed out to him as a Communist and was personally known to him to have been a member of the John Reed Club. The information was furnished to us that [redacted] was alleged to have made this statement to an individual named Benjamin Freedman, who, it is understood, circulated the information rather widely in Washington. Subsequently the information was received from other sources.

Following the receipt of this information, we interviewed [redacted] and we furnished the results of this interview to Secretary Marshall. We have made and are making an objective inquiry concerning [redacted] charges and in that connection, we have interviewed numerous persons, which fact has been reflected in reports which have heretofore been furnished to Secretary Marshall and to Deputy Attorney General Peyton Ford.

We have interviewed [redacted]  
[redacted] We have interviewed an individual named James Magraw who is reported by [redacted] to have first advised him of Mrs. Rosenberg's alleged Communist connections, and we have also interviewed numerous individuals who were stated by [redacted] to have been members of the John Reed Club and were, therefore, logical persons to contact in an effort to ascertain the facts concerning the charges made [redacted]

All of this activity has been reflected in reports which as above mentioned, have been sent to Mr. Ford and to Secretary Marshall.

In view of the misstatements which it is understood are being circulated, I did want you to know the extent of the FBI's activities in this matter, as you may hear some of these comments from outside sources.

Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Roach  
Mr. Callan

December 7, 1950

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~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~  
VIA LIAISON

Honorable Donald S. Dawson  
Administrative Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Dawson:

On December 5, 1950, Deputy Attorney General  
Peyton Ford advised of your interest in Anna Marie  
① Rosenberg. Reports of investigation previously conducted  
were forwarded to him for transmittal to you, at his re-  
quest.

There is attached, for your confidential in-  
formation, a copy of a report of investigation recently  
conducted. It is requested that the sources of infor-  
mation contained therein be protected, and that the  
contents not be divulged to unauthorized persons. It  
is particularly desired that every precaution be taken  
to prevent any of the information contained in the re-  
port or the sources thereof from becoming known to the  
subject of the investigation.

The investigation is continuing and you will  
be furnished with additional reports when they are re-  
ceived.

With assurances of my highest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

DECEMBER 9, 1950

Transmit the following message to:

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ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN JOHN REED CLUB,  
SPECIAL INQUIRY. REURTEL THREE THIRTY AM TODAY. CLIFFORD  
ODETTS SHOULD NOT BE INTERVIEWED AT THIS TIME AS NO USEFUL  
PURPOSE APPARENT. WITH RESPECT TO SIGNERS OF JOHN REED CLUB  
PETITION APPEARING IN MAY NINETEEN, NINETEEN THIRTY ISSUE  
OF THE NEW YORK TIMES, IT IS NOT DESIRED THAT ALL ONE  
HUNDRED SIGNERS BE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED. HOWEVER,  
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A REPRESENTATIVE NUMBER OF THESE PERSONS. THOSE TO BE  
INTERVIEWED SHOULD BE DETERMINED FIRST THROUGH REFERENCE  
TO YOUR FILES OR OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE THAT WOULD  
INDICATE POSSIBLE KNOWLEDGE OF ROSENBERG, AND SECONDLY  
THROUGH A DETERMINATION OF THOSE MOST READILY AVAILABLE  
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ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN JOHN REED CLUB, SPECIAL INQUIRY. REURTEL THREE THIRTY AM TODAY. CLIFFORD ODETTS SHOULD NOT BE INTERVIEWED AT THIS TIME AS NO USEFUL PURPOSE APPARENT. WITH RESPECT TO SIGNERS OF JOHN REED CLUB PETITION APPEARING IN MAY NINETEEN, NINETEEN THIRTY ISSUE OF THE NEW YORK TIMES, IT IS NOT DESIRED THAT ALL ONE HUNDRED SIGNERS BE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED. HOWEVER, EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE ON A SELECTIVE BASIS TO INTERVIEW A REPRESENTATIVE NUMBER OF THESE PERSONS. THOSE TO BE INTERVIEWED SHOULD BE DETERMINED FIRST THROUGH REFERENCE TO YOUR FILES OR OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE THAT WOULD INDICATE POSSIBLE KNOWLEDGE OF ROSENBERG, AND SECONDLY THROUGH A DETERMINATION OF THOSE MOST READILY AVAILABLE TO YOUR OFFICE.

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ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB, SI.  
RENYTEL DEC. SEVEN LAST. NY PUBLIC LIBRARY LISTS FOLLOWING WORKS ONLY  
FOR ORRICK JOHNS.. ASPHALT AND OTHER POEMS, PUBLISHED NINETEEN  
SEVENTEEN, BLACK BRANCHES, A BOOK OF POEMS AND PLAYS PUBLISHED  
NINETEEN TWENTY, BLINDFOLD, PUBLISHED NINETEEN TWENTYTHREE, AND TIME OF  
OUR LIVES, PUBLISHED NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN, CONTENTS OF WHICH WERE  
REFERRED TO IN REFERENCED TEL. CONCERNING THE ALLEGATIONS THAT ANNA  
ROSENBERG IN NINETEEN THIRTY SIGNED A PETITION WITH THE JOHN REED CLUB  
PROTESTING THE RED SCARE AND THE ARREST AND RED BAITING OF LIBERALS.  
THE MONDAY, MAY NINETEEN, THIRTY ISSUE OF THE NY TIMES, PAGE NINETEEN,  
COLUMN THREE SETS OUT THAT A STATEMENT WAS ISSUED BY THE JOHN REED CLUB,  
ONE NAUGHT TWO WEST FOURTEENTH ST, NYC, PROTESTING AGAINST THE IMPRISON-  
MENT OF MEN AND WOMEN FOR EXPRESSING THEIR POLITICAL OPINIONS COUPLED  
WITH A WARNING THAT RED BAITING IS RAPIDLY BECOMING A PERMANENT  
CONDITION. INCLUDED IN THE LIST OF SIGNERS OF SOME ONE HUNDRED PEOPLE  
WAS THE NAME ANNA ROSENBERG. A PHOTOSTATIC COPY OF THIS PAGE IS BEING  
FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU ON DEC EIGHT. THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE  
IF THEY WANT THE SIGNERS OF THIS PETITION INTERVIEWED. CONCERNING  
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*cc Mr. Rosen*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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~~DIRECTOR~~

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ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE  
JOHN REED CLUB, SPECIAL INQUIRY. [REDACTED] HAS FURNISHED  
INFO TO THIS OFFICE THAT HE IS FORMER MEMBER OF CP AND JOHN REED  
CLUB. STATED HE ATTENDED FOUR OR FIVE MEETINGS OF JOHN REED CLUB  
BETWEEN NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR AND NINETEENTHIRTYSEVEN, AT WHICH ANNA  
ROSENBERG WAS PRESENT, STATED THIS WAS SAME ANNA M. ROSENBERG WHO  
WAS RECENTLY NOMINATED AS ASST SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. [REDACTED]  
ALSO ALLEGED THAT ONE JAMES MC GRAW POINTED MRS. ROSENBERG OUT TO HIM  
AT A MEETING OF JOHN REED CLUB AS A MEMBER OF CP. [REDACTED] FURNISHED  
NAMES OF VARIOUS OTHER MEMBERS OF JOHN REED CLUB ONE OF WHOM WAS JAMES  
LECHAY AN ARTIST WHO WAS LAST KNOWN TO RESIDE AT THREE  
WEEHAWKEN STREET, NYC. INVESTIGATION DISCLOSES LECHAY IS NOW PROFESSOR  
OF ART AT STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA, IOWA CITY, IOWA. INDICES THIS  
OFFICE REVEAL SEVERAL INDICATIONS OF PROCOMMUNIST APPITUDE ON PART  
OF LECHAY, LAST OF WHICH APPEARED IN "DAILY WORKER" IN AUGUST NINETEEN  
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FIFTY, TO EFFECT THAT LECHAY WAS ONE OF ONE HUNDRED CULTURAL WORKERS WHO SIGNED STATEMENT URGING SETTLEMENT OF KOREAN FIGHTING BY NEGOTIATION WITH KOREAN COMMUNISTS. IN ADDITION  HAS INDICATED THAT LECHAY WAS CP MEMBER. BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE OMAHA WHETHER AUTHORITY GRANTED TO INTERVIEW LECHAY, SINCE HE IS PRESENTLY CONNECTED WITH A UNIVERSITY. UPON RECEIPT OF BUREAU AUTHORITY OMAHA WILL INTERVIEW LECHAY RE HIS OWN MEMBERSHIP IN AND KNOWLEDGE OF JOHN REED CLUB AND ALSO ANY KNOWLEDGE HE MAY HAVE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT MRS. ROSENBERG WAS A MEMBER OF CLUB OR ATTENDED ANY OF ITS MEETINGS. NEW YORK ORIGIN.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

DECEMBER 10, 1950

Transmit the following message to: SACS, NEW YORK  
WASHINGTON FIELD (BSM)

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Honorable Donald S. Dawson  
Administrative Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Dawson:

Reference is made to my letter dated December 7, 1950 enclosing a copy of a report concerning Anna Marie Rosenberg.

There are attached two more reports and also a photo-static copy of the cover sheet of the December 8, 1942 issue of "New Masses" and an article therein by Mrs. Rosenberg. Reference to this article appears in the attached Washington Field office report.

The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished with additional reports as soon as they are received.

With assurances of my highest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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# WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED

STATEMENTS FROM PROMINENT AMERICANS ON ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE PEARL HARBOR AND THE BIG JOBS AHEAD

## Building Unity

**Emanuel Celler**

*US Congressman, New York*

THE full impact of Vice-President Wallace's statement, "We have now reached the time when victory can be taken from us only by misunderstanding and quarreling among ourselves," can hardly be felt enough. It is an exciting message and an exciting challenge.

A glance backwards to dissension-torn America prior to Pearl Harbor presents a scene which must have gladdened the gloating Axis heart. The blind folly of the isolationist parade served as an admirable smoke screen against the danger that was to strike so surely and so treacherously. The national tug of war left a people in dismayed questioning of whither to go.

Under the electrifying shock of common disaster, a people stood together, unified and determined. In one brief year, what hath unity wrought? An army amassed, trained, and equipped for the most terrible of all wars, the mighty hum of factory wheels turning to pour forth in endless succession tanks, planes, ships, and guns destined to reach the far-flung corners of the earth to the battling forces of Russia, China, and England. The people submitting to the wartime necessity of tire, gas, sugar, coffee, and meat rationing.

All this President Roosevelt viewed on his tour across the country and found it good.

Women turned aside from the secure routine of the home to partake in the gigantic struggle on the home front to keep 'em flying, shooting, and sailing. American industrial ingenuity conceived and executed new instruments of warfare and strengthened the old. Deservedly, Winston Churchill gave high praise in his address to the House of Parliament for the part played by the Sherman tanks in the victory in Egypt. This, unity of purpose achieved.

I have but touched on the highlights of accomplishment. Much more can be said of the daily sacrifices of the people, the stoic forbearance, the fight against inflation, the bending of an economy to serve an understood and approved end.

This unity of each Allied nation within itself has made possible the unity among all our fighting allies. If there is one lesson we have learned today, it is that the world is smaller than man's imagination. The United States, England, Russia, and China have linked themselves together in a common destiny. We have not undergone this baptism of fire for the sur-

vival of self alone. The Allies, apart and together, can serve a unity of purpose for the common good of mankind.

As the practical weapons of wartime, the airplane, the ship, and the perfected modes of communication, made possible and effective this alliance of mutual aid, so can they be the hands across the seas to meet in international amity and exchange.

Science and skill know no geographical limits, and international trade can foster the development of the "four Freedoms." We have agreed that this is the war of the people. So let the peace be the peace of the people, all people.

**Robert W. Kenny**

*Attorney General-elect, California*

IT SEEMS to me that one of the lessons of our first year at war involves scale—the size of the war, the size and extent of the effort required to win it. Because of the magnitude of the struggle, it is a job for everyone, and therefore decisions which might in a smaller war be left to the military become political questions, that is to say, questions for the people.

This necessity in turn brings about considerations of unity among our people as no other struggle has done; unity in thought—in the purposes for which we are fighting—as well as unity in action—a genuine will on the part of all of us to do all we can. In bringing about that singleness of purpose and effort, our attention is forcibly turned to many inequalities which we have foolishly ignored or unjustly tolerated in peacetime. We must now ask so much from every man and woman that we must also ask ourselves whether we have, as a nation, made it worth the necessary sacrifices from each citizen and whether the promise of the future which our country offers makes worth while the sacrifices the war demands. We must, as part of winning the war, give every citizen equal opportunity to participate in the war and give wholehearted assurances that the peace we want is worth fighting for.

Another thing we must have learned is that the various powers fighting the Axis were brought into the war for a variety of reasons, and that each power may well entertain a variety of purposes in continuing to fight as well as conflicting notions concerning the peace. Joint action among the United Nations is of first importance to a military victory, but equally essential is a common understanding

of what we hope to win by that victory is merely an extension of unity on the front to the international sphere.

As the war progresses, Axis split-tactics may widen cleavages, unless commitments by the United Nations are promptly. Furthermore, by insisting on public commitments, the people can let true sentiments of leaders before war done.

The most important lesson, I believe of unity of purpose, local, national, international, transcending racial and economic. With this unity, we can achieve the victory of effort necessary to win. Without it, victory may prove empty.

**Henry Pratt Fairchild**

*Professor of Sociology, New York University*

ONE lesson that stands out clearly from experience of the war so far is that social unity is essential to group success. We interpret this lesson primarily in terms of states or nationalities. As the new era of approaches, it becomes vitally important we train ourselves to interpret it in terms of world relations. Several distinct types of political, social, and economic organizations represented in the present global struggle—military alignments are determined, for the moment, more by the needs of national protection and survival than by agreed doctrines and theories. The close of the war will not automatically bring a uniform reference to these philosophical concepts; we are to have a true and lasting peace. Nations of the world must find a way, along with each other amicably, even if they do not come to a full agreement of understanding with reference to each other's systems of organization. This is particularly true with reference to the United States and the Soviet Union. The ideological and natural differences between these two are too great to permit the attainment of complete popular understanding on both sides during a war period, relatively brief as it will be. Any hope of avoiding post-war chaos rests upon the ability of these two mighty powers to trust and cooperate with each other, even though they do not fully understand each other.

**Angel Alberto Girau**

*President, National Anti-Fascist Front of Mexico*

AT THE end of last year the United States was treacherously attacked by Japan. That attack was the result of a perjured and unordained agreement among the tota-

time to the study of living conditions of women war workers in industrialized rural and urban areas. Our reports, based on the experiences of the women, show that more attention must be given in some areas to housing, recreation, and transportation for women, many of them young girls away from home for the first time. We have worked with other federal agencies, the USO, and local authorities to help adjust such social problems of women workers in wartime.

The chief lesson that has been learned in 1942 in regard to working women is that they are not problem workers. They are patriotic, interested, and capable. They want to be linked in the spirit of the times to the men and women in the frontlines. They want, also, to join in the spirit of the times with women all over the world who are working for and giving their best to the cause of humanity.

### Anna M. Rosenberg

*NY Regional Director, War Manpower Commission*

TO ME, there is one essential difference between women's participation in this war and in the last one. I think that today women have a much deeper appreciation of what this war means to them. It strikes at the very heart of all a woman lives for—the home. I think that what outrages the American women most is the attempted total obliteration of the family unit under fascism and Nazism. Wherever these forms of government have been set up, they have with cold deliberation ruthlessly set about to destroy the dignity of the home and family, and to substitute for it the cold patronage of the state. Children are taught that they belong not to the family but to the state. Girls are urged to produce progeny for the further enhancement of the power and prestige of the state. The social security of the state demands it.

In this country I had the privilege of administering our own government social security program for a number of years. Here we interpret social security differently. To us it is social security for the family—its enrichment through a more secure economic position in our way of living. That has been our basis, and it has engendered a feeling of cooperation with, and participation in, our government's growth and progress which is far more abiding than anything that brute force could ever accomplish.

Of course there are many practicalities which make women's participation in the war effort today much more valuable than it was twenty-five years ago. Women have become adept at handling machinery; they have earned for themselves a more secure and respected place in the labor market; they have broken down the skepticism and reluctance of employers.

But basically it is because the American woman today believes implicitly that she is helping to preserve the American family—its independence, its security, its hope of the future—that will make her contribution to eventual victory so tremendous.

## The Enemy Within

Albert E. Kahn

*Co-author with Michael Sayers of "Sabotage"*

DURING this last year Americans have been rudely awakened to the fact that a secret enemy army has been operating for some time on American soil. This awakening was long overdue. Nine years before the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, Axis spies, saboteurs, and propagandists began flocking into the United States. These enemy agents, whose work was supervised by the German, Japanese, and Italian Military Intelligences and Propaganda Ministries, organized in America a complex fifth column network and launched a secret war against the United States. This fifth of the Axis political underworld was permitted to operate in the United States with incredible freedom and almost complete impunity. A graphic illustration is the German-American Bund. Created for the clear purpose of spying, sabotaging, and propagandizing in the service of Nazi Germany, the Bund—which numbered 20,000 members at its peak—functioned unmolested for eight years before Pearl Harbor and for seven months after Germany declared war on the United States. Finally, in June 1942, the Bund was officially recognized by our government as being "un-American," and the Department of Justice announced it was undertaking a nationwide campaign "to put the Bund out of business."

The various counter-espionage and counter-sabotage measures taken since Dec. 7, 1941, indicate a growing awareness of the real menace of the Axis fifth column. The FBI has broken up several important German and Japanese spy rings, and trapped a number of saboteurs, including the eight who landed this summer from Nazi submarines. Labor unions are carrying out comprehensive programs for combating enemy sabotage in key war industries. Managements in industrial plants have set up special anti-sabotage units to work with the FBI and Military and Naval Intelligence. The progressive press as a whole has done much to acquaint Americans with the dangers of Axis sabotage and espionage.

Steps also have been taken against Axis psychological sabotage—that most deadly form of fascist sabotage which seeks to disunite and demoralize the American people by undermining their confidence in the US war leadership, by disseminating anti-Semitic, anti-Negro, and anti-"Communist" propaganda, and by stirring up suspicion against our partners in the United Nations, particularly against the Soviet Union, Great Britain, and China. After intense public pressure, which indicated a growing alertness to the fifth column danger, Father Coughlin's seditious *Social Justice* was barred from the United States mails; and subsequently several similar publications were suppressed. Axis propagandists, like the Nazi hireling George Sylvester Viereck and the Japanese agent Ralph Townsend, have been indicted and a number of

them sentenced to jail. The Office of War Information is conducting an extensive campaign to expose and offset the propaganda devices and the disruptive techniques of the enemy.

Unfortunately the Axis fifth column is far from being smashed. It has had to change its form and tactics to some extent, but it still functions on a wide scale. The ODWU (Organization for the Rebirth of the Ukraine), a fascist Ukrainian espionage-sabotage ring set up in the United States by the German Military Intelligence and having its official headquarters in Berlin, remains active and intact; in fact, in August 1942 ODWU leaders met in New York City and publicly boasted that the majority of ODWU members were "at present employed in plants working for defense" or were in the US armed forces. The Spanish and Finnish embassies and consulates, centers of Axis espionage, are still permitted to operate. Many members of the Christian Front, the Ku Klux Klan and other fifth column groups continue their subversive activities. Flagrantly pro-Axis and anti-Semitic publications, printed in a variety of languages as well as in English, appear regularly in every part of the country. Millions of Americans are reached each day with ill-disguised Axis propaganda presented in the pages of the *New York Daily News*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Washington Times-Herald*, and the Hearst press. Reps. Hamilton Fish and John Rankin, Sens. Robert Reynolds and Gerald P. Nye, and others in the congressional clique which was used so advantageously by paid Axis propagandists, are still in office and still aiding the psychological offensive of the enemy. The viciously disruptive activities of Cong. Martin Dies continue to be a source of boundless delight to the Axis.

It is high time we recognize the necessity for being ruthless with the enemy on the home front. Members of organizations like the ODWU should be imprisoned without further delay. The Finnish and Spanish embassies and consulates should be closed immediately. Congress should enact laws making enemy sabotage a crime punishable by death. All anti-Semitic and anti-Negro publications should be suppressed and the spreading of such propaganda made a criminal offense. Father Coughlin and his fellow conspirators should be placed on trial. Stern measures should be taken by the government against those influential publishers who use the freedom of the press as an excuse for aiding the Axis by fomenting doubt and disunity among the American people. Axis collaborators in Congress should be investigated by the Department of Justice.

If we are to win this war and smash the Axis, the enemy on the home front must be rooted out and destroyed no less than the enemy abroad.

*[Additional statements will appear in future issues.]*



countries which make up the Berlin-Rome Tokyo triangle, and to those who knew the plans of worldwide fascism for complete conquest and partition of the whole world, it came as no surprise.

Immediately, as could be expected, the majority of the governments of our continent reacted to that act of international vandalism, some declaring war against the aggressor empires and others breaking diplomatic and commercial relations with them. The Republic of Cuba was one of the first to declare war against Japan, Italy, and Germany.

In June of 1938, in the magazine *Bohemia* of this capital, we declared: "Fascism is preparing a new massacre which will, this time, spread to all continents. Already it has begun its macabre work in Abyssinia, in Spain, in the Far East." And we added: "In this hour it is the duty of our people, and particularly of our leaders—I speak of all the Americas, regardless of what language they speak—to form a common front against the advance of fascism in our continent."

In our immediate past had we not committed a series of errors, it would perhaps have been possible to prevent the outbreak of the present conflict. One of these errors was in not understanding in time that the democratic nations, including, it is clear, the Soviet Union, had to unite in order to destroy fascism. Today we are suffering the consequences of our blindness or our selfishness. The present moment, nevertheless, is not the time for tears, but for correcting the errors in order not to repeat them; for tying firmly, more firmly each day, the bonds of union among all our peoples, in Europe as well as in Asia, in Africa as well as in America; for destroying fascism down to its deepest roots, and for building in the future a world more in accord with the needs of the people.

The people of Cuba appear to have understood that the realities of the moment in which we live indicate that humanity is divided into two great camps: that which openly or secretly supports fascism and its satellites, and that which fights against that pest. The

Cuban people have understood that in this fight nobody, neither people nor individuals, can remain on the margin of the conflict.

In the midst of the battle in all parts of the planet three solutions are being discussed: the solution of those who hope to implant Nazism in the world; the solution of those who want to maintain unchanged the status quo; and the solution of those who want to see humanity ruled by principles altogether different from those prevailing today. The first solution is the same as returning to barbarism. Nazism has no terms of comparison; it is only comparable to Nazism. The second solution means prolonging indefinitely the tragedy in which people have lived for a long time. The third is the only one which can save human beings. Up to now wars have served only to make one caste the owner and superior of men and of nations. The present upheaval must make it possible for the people themselves to

determine their destiny.

We must all unite to win the war; later we must unite to win the peace. The future of nations rests in the present conflict which is not directed solely to preserve the political independence of nations, but to enlarge their civil rights. The concept of liberty itself must be developed and transformed; it must not be allowed to continue as a merely negative concept in the sense of being simply the lack of obstacles to our action. Rather must it be a positive idea, the effective opportunity for human beings to have a better life.

Winning the peace means, in addition, tearing up by the roots the causes of wars between nations. The errors of the past teach us that all men must aspire to that condition in the world of tomorrow, which we are building with so much pain and blood, in which nations do not dominate other nations or human beings serve as slaves to others.

## Production Chart

**William L. Batt**

*Vice-Chairman, War Production Board*

**T**HE main lesson we learned during our first year in the war is that even a country as rich as the United States can't afford a peacetime economy in an all-out war.

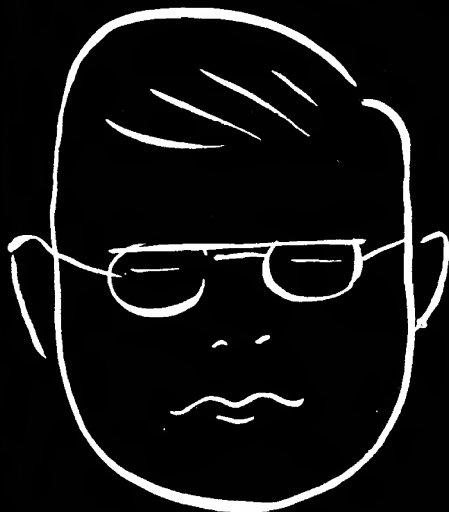
For a time we thought we could produce all the planes, tanks, and ships needed for Army and Navy and at the same time continue the production of at least a minimum of so-called luxury goods for civilians. Now we know better. Now we know that we can't even produce some of the essential civilian goods in the same way as we produced them in the past.

That realization has brought us up against the three S's of a war economy—Simplification, Substitution, and Scheduling.

Simplification means cutting out all waste, and producing the greatest number of essential articles out of the least amount of material, because the least is all there is. It means re-

ducing the number of types, models, and sizes of manufactured articles. For example, we used to make sixty-six different sizes of paving bricks; now we make four. It means no more gingerbread, jimcracks, or gewgaws. Everything is stripped to its essentials. Simplification saves raw materials, production capacity, manpower, and transportation.

Substitution means using a less critical material than the one formerly used. Specifications are reviewed, and wherever possible the critical material must make way for a material not yet scarce. Wood and paper, for example, are being made to do the job of steel, copper, aluminum, and even nickel in a long list of articles. Scheduling means getting the right thing at the right place at the right time. For example, with metals as scarce as they are, it doesn't make sense to tie up a lot of steel in ships' anchors before the ships themselves are built, or to load a plant down with airplane propellers before the planes are built.



Robert W. Kenny



Henry Pratt Fairchild



Rep. Emanuel Celler



Anne Rosenberg



Mary Anderson



William L. Batt

In a properly scheduled program, the different parts will be manufactured and made available for assembly in the order in which they are needed.

From now until the war is won we are going to have to get along without a lot of

things that we formerly regarded as essential. Until recently we spoke of military production and civilian production. That dividing line will soon disappear. We are going to devote all of our strength and energy to winning the war.

clearly enunciated the policy of "equal pay" in three cases in 1942. For example, in the case between the United Motors Corp. and the United Automobile Workers of America and the United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers of America, it states that "wage rates for women set in accordance with the principle of pay for comparable quantity and quality of work on comparable operation." This had the widest coverage of any similar case before the Board, as it affected two hundred and ninety-five plants and eight electrical divisions of General Motors.

In connection with the government's policy in favor of "equal pay" it is interesting to note the recent assertion of the president of the National Association of Manufacturers that there is little difference between men and women as regards their satisfactory performance in industry.

Labor unions in a number of cases have wisely obtained "equal pay" clauses, realizing that women must not be used to undermine existing wage structures when they are in to take over the jobs of men risk their lives for freedom and the right to security.

Experience in the past year, with the magnificent effort that has been made to meet emergency production schedules, has caused the Women's Bureau to review the situation in peacetime for the working of women. With the view to securing maximum efficiency of women workers, a short-sighted sacrifice of essential standards, we recommended that the work week not exceed forty-eight hours and that a day of rest in seven be granted to each woman and that women be put on the night shift only when it serves to prevent overtime on the day shift. We also recommended that mothers of young children not be concentrated in industry except in areas where it is necessary, and then only under circumstances that community kitchens and nurseries be provided.

The Women's Bureau has given

## Women on the Job

### Mary Anderson

*Head of Women's Bureau, US Dept. of Labor*

**W**HAT are the chief lessons in regard to working women's participation in the war to be learned from the experiences of the past year? The answer to this question is written in the soaring wings of American planes, in the bursting fire of ammunition, in the great accuracy of fire control and navigation instruments, in the guns and cannon and tanks that go with our traveling troops, in the ships that transport them, and in the metal working and machine tool industries which together form the Colossus between our natural resources and our weapons of war.

The answer is symbolized in such homely ways as the canned food our soldiers and Allies are nourished by, in the very fabric of our soldiers' uniforms, and even in the fit of their shoes.

The answer, in brief, lies in the ability of women to do a job. No one has questioned the willingness of America's women, but a year ago there existed considerable skepticism in some quarters regarding the ability of women. Their outstanding performance in war production has dispelled much of this skepticism. Employers have learned that women can do practically any job, and that in some jobs requiring great patience and deft fingers they are better than men.

The aircraft industry furnishes us a case in point. Few women were in this industry when Japanese planes bombed Pearl Harbor. Perhaps there were not more than 2,000 women in the major aircraft assembly plants. As the months sped by the picture changed rapidly. New plants opened up and others

expanded their forces or were in need of personnel replacements. By September there were 86,000 women in aircraft production working in every department. Women proved themselves as riveters, welders, assemblers, inspectors, machine operators, and so on. Work on light metal for aircraft and with the myriad small parts that make up our big bombers and other planes seemed a "natural" for women. Plants that had been reluctant to accept the Women's Bureau conservative estimates in 1941 on possible utilization of women in aircraft production took the initiative in 1942 by asking our agents to make return visits to further analyze employment standards and jobs for women.

Time and again we found that removal of psychological barriers in the minds of employers and foremen plus training opportunities for women to bring out their native ability would result in a smooth integration of women into war industry. In 1943 there should be more and more stress on the training and upgrading of women who must substitute for men workers in ever increasing numbers.

Such a program is recommended for each war industry which we have studied at first hand in the plants, that is, the machine tool, fire arms and cannon, ammunition, war instruments, and aircraft industries. In the shipbuilding industry it has been said that women can perform a substantial proportion of the jobs, and some shipyards are keenly interested in women as a source of labor supply.

The work of women has unquestionably given them the right to claim wage rates equal to that of men. The government, speaking through the National War Labor Board, has

Mr. Lynch  
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December 12, 1950

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Honorable George C. Marshall  
Secretary of Defense  
Washington 25, D. C.

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My dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to previous reports furnished you concerning Anna Marie Rosenberg and to my letter dated December 11, 1950, setting forth additional data based on teletype summaries.

For your further information I am enclosing the report of Special Agent James P. Martin, dated December 11, 1950, at New York, New York, reflecting additional investigation concerning instant matter.

In order to give you the benefit of up-to-date information the following has been received by teletype from the New York office since the submission of the above-mentioned report.

Records of the Board of Election for New York County reflect James Magraw registered as a Communist from 826 Greenwich Street, New York City in 1936 and as a member of the American Labor Party from 1942 to 1949 inclusive.

James Magraw was reinterviewed on December 11, 1950, and at the outset denied ever registering as a Communist, but after being confronted with the information contained in the Election Records admitted that he had registered as a Communist at the time and stated that he had believed in some of the principals of the Communist Party and had intended to vote for some of their candidates in 1936. He again categorically denied membership in the Communist Party and especially in the Waterfront Section of the Communist Party. He also denied having taken [redacted] to a Communist Party meeting on Hudson Street or having signed [redacted] Communist Party application. He also denied attendance at a Marxist Study Club at the home of the Bradlav Gullers, but stated that it was possible that he had met [redacted] before his employment on the Federal Writer's Project and that such meeting was possibly at the home of [redacted].

Magraw said that he could not recall [redacted] other than [redacted] and could offer no explanation for her allegation that he was a member of the Communist Party.

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Honorable George C. Marshall  
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With reference to the magazine "Direction," Magraw advised that he was unable to recall such a magazine but states it could have existed. He also advised that the "Rank and File Federationist," with which [ ] had alleged Magraw was associated, had an office at 1 Union Square, New York City and that he had been employed as Editor for about six months in 1933 or 1934. He said that it was the official organ of a group known as the Rank and File Group of the American Federation of Labor for Unemployment Insurance or some similar title. Magraw stated that he had no knowledge that this publication or group was controlled or influenced by or sympathetic to the Communist Party.

In conclusion Magraw advised that he would stand by his signed statement of December 8, 1950, even under oath, and would reiterate his denial of any acquaintance with Anna M. Rosenberg and restated his belief that [ ] was acting solely for publicity purposes.

With reference to an allegation that J. B. Matthews had stated that he had received information from a former FBI Agent by the name of Kirkpatrick to the effect that an informant by the name of [ ] had told him that [ ] Anna Rosenberg in 1937 or 1938, it was alleged that [ ] had been an informant of the FBI and had been contacted by Kirkpatrick when he was an Agent of the FBI. Concerning the above allegation our New York Division has advised by teletype that their files fail to reflect any mention of anyone named Rosenberg by [ ] to any FBI Agent. These files also reflect that former Agent Kirkpatrick contacted [ ] in August, 1946 which was subsequent to Kirkpatrick's resignation from the Bureau on November 9, 1945.

Our Indianapolis Division has advised by teletype that [ ] has advised that [ ]

[ ] and some time during this period told Kirkpatrick that Mrs. Rosenberg as Labor Relations Consultant for R. H. Macy Company was conveying information to Local 15 through a New York law firm. According to [ ] Local 15 was at that time heavily infiltrated by the Communist Party. [ ] stated that he has never seen Mrs. Rosenberg personally and that he was not in New York in 1937 or 1938.



Honorable George C. Marshall  
Secretary of Defense

Our Washington Field Division has advised by teletype that an examination of the WPA personnel file of Orric Johns did not disclose any correspondence between Anna Rosenberg and Henry Alsberg. Likewise, WPA investigative files under the names Anna Rosenberg, Orric Johns, and Henry Alsberg, did not reflect any such correspondence.

Detailed reports concerning the information set forth above, that is based on teletype summaries, will be furnished to you immediately upon receipt. The investigation in this matter is continuing, and additional information will be furnished to you as it is received.

With assurances of my highest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure



December 13, 1950

Honorable George C. Marshall  
The Secretary of Defense  
The Pentagon  
Washington, D.C.

Dear General Marshall:

It was very gracious of you to call my office yesterday afternoon as you did and you may rest assured we were most happy to have had the opportunity to be of service in connection with the rather difficult ordeal which Mrs. C. Rosenberg has been through the past few days. ANNA!

With expressions of my highest admiration and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

(s) J. Edgar Hoover  
Mailed by the Director

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The Attorney General

December 11, 1950

Director, FBI

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BY SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

MRS. ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Information has been received to the effect that there have been numerous representations circulated among officials in Washington by friends of Mrs. Anna Marie Rosenberg, who has recently been appointed Assistant Secretary of Defense, indicating that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is the agency which apparently is responsible for the present investigation of Mrs. Rosenberg. The FBI is being blamed for instigating the present charges which have been made concerning Mrs. Rosenberg, namely that she was connected with the Communist Party and with the John Reed Club, an alleged Communist dominated organization which is now defunct.

You may wish to know that after Mrs. Rosenberg was appointed a Labor Consultant in the National Security Resources Board and after this appointment had been the subject of comment in the Press, Mr. Stuart Symington, Chairman of the National Security Resources Board, requested this Bureau to conduct an investigation of Mrs. Rosenberg. I personally objected to this procedure because she was already employed; however, at the instance of Mr. Symington, this investigation was conducted. After this investigation was completed, it is understood, Mrs. Rosenberg made comments which were critical of the FBI, apparently because we had investigated her.

During the course of this investigation we did not receive any information of a derogatory nature pertaining to Mrs. Rosenberg other than that she was described by some persons interviewed as being loquacious and as engaging in the practice of using the names of prominent individuals in a manner which would indicate that she was on very close terms with them, when, as a matter of fact, this was not always the case.

Subsequently when she was appointed Assistant Secretary of Defense, Secretary George Marshall requested copies of reports of the above-captioned investigation concerning Mrs. Rosenberg, and we did furnish such reports to him; however, we did not conduct any investigation of her in connection with her appointment to the

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position of Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Thereafter, a representative of Secretary Marshall's Office advised us of an allegation made by Ralph DeSola to the effect that Mrs. Rosenberg had been pointed out to him as a Communist and was personally known to him to have been a member of the John Reed Club. The information was furnished to us that DeSola was alleged to have made this statement to an individual named Benjamin Freedman, who, it is understood, circulated the information rather widely in Washington. Subsequently the information was received from other sources. b7D

Following the receipt of this information, we interviewed [redacted] and we furnished the results of this interview to Secretary Marshall. We have made and are making an objective inquiry concerning [redacted] charges and in that connection, we have interviewed numerous persons, which fact has been reflected in reports which have heretofore been furnished to Secretary Marshall and to Deputy Attorney General Peyton Ford.

We have interviewed [redacted] [redacted] We have interviewed an individual named James Magraw who is reported by [redacted] to have first advised him of Mrs. Rosenberg's alleged Communist connection, and we have also interviewed numerous individuals who were stated by [redacted] to have been members of the John Reed Club and were, therefore, logical persons to contact in an effort to ascertain the facts concerning the charges made by Ralph DeSola.

All of this activity has been reflected in reports which, as above mentioned, have been sent to Mr. Ford and to Secretary Marshall.

In view of the misstatements which it is understood are being circulated, I did want you to know the extent of the FBI's activities in this matter, as you may hear some of these comments from outside sources.

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ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB, SI.

ATTENTION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ROSEN.

SUMMARY TEL DEC. EIGHT, FIFTY. RE RALPH ~~DESSOLA~~. BY SEPARATE LETTER NYO FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU DUPLICATE SIGNED COPY OF SIGNED STATEMENT OF  DATED DEC. SEVEN LAST, AND ALSO PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF SIGNED NOTARIZED STATEMENT FURNISHED BY  TO BENJAMIN

FREEDMAN DATED FEBRUARY FIVE LAST. RE PUBLICATION "SCIENCE AND SOCIETY".

INCORPORATION PAPERS FOR "SCIENCE AND SOCIETY", INC., WERE FILED OCT.

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FILED THESE PAPERS WAS LOUIS ~~ABOUDIN~~, EIGHT WEST FORTIETH STREET,

NYC. THE DIRECTORS OF THIS CORPORATION ARE LISTED AS HENRY E. ~~MIDS~~, BY

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KING STREET, NYC., V. J. ~~MC GILL~~, ONE SIX THREE EAST THIRTY THIRD

STREET, NYC., BERNHARD ~~J. STERN~~, FOUR NAUGHT THREE WEST ONE HUNDRED

FIFTEENTH STREET, NYC., IRVING ~~R. FEINBERG~~, ONE ~~SIX~~ EIGHT NAUGHT FIFTY-

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FOURTH STREET, BROOKLYN., ~~LEONARD BOUDIN~~, EIGHT FOUR ONE EIGHT ONE  
HUNDRED FOURTEENTH STREET, RICHMOND HILL, LONG ISLAND, NY. BECAUSE  
OF BACKGROUND OF PUBLICATION "SCIENCE AND SOCIETY" AND BACKGROUND OF  
INDIVIDUALS LISTED ABOVE AS CONNECTED WITH THIS PUBLICATION, NONE OF  
THE ABOVE-LISTED INDIVIDUALS WILL BE INTERVIEWED BY THIS OFFICE UACB.  
RE HALLAN RICHARDSON. ~~HALLAN RICHARDSON~~, ATTORNEY, INTERVIEWED DEC.  
EIGHT AT THIS OFFICE, ADVISED HE WAS PERSON WHO TOLD BENJAMIN H.  
~~FREEDMAN~~ THAT [REDACTED] HAD INFORMATION REGARDING ANNA ROSENBERG.  
RICHARDSON FIRST MET [REDACTED] AROUND SEPTEMBER NINETEEN FIFTY WHEN [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ACCORDING TO FREEDMAN, HAD FORMERLY BEEN CONNECTED WITH THE PUBLICATION  
[REDACTED] RICHARDSON CONSIDERS [REDACTED] AN AUTHORITY ON  
COMMUNISM AND RICHARDSON HAS CONSULTED HIM FROM TIME TO TIME REGARDING  
INDIVIDUALS HE HAS HAD INTEREST IN THROUGH HIS LEGAL WORK. RICHARD-  
SON KNEW FROM CONVERSATIONS HE HAD WITH FREEDMAN THAT FREEDMAN WAS  
INTERESTED IN ANNA ROSENBERG. RICHARDSON, TO THE BEST OF HIS RECOL-

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LECTION, FIRST CONTACTED [ ] TELEPHONICALLY ON THE MORNING OF DECEMBER THREE LAST. HE ASKED [ ] IF ANNA ROSENBERG HAD ATTENDED MEETINGS OF THE JOHN REED CLUB. HE SAID [ ] TOLD HIM YES THAT HE HAD SEEN HER AT MEETINGS OF THIS CLUB. RICHARDSON STATED THAT HE HAD A LIST OF NAMES THAT HE HAD OBTAINED FROM AN ARTICLE IN A NY NEWSPAPER, WHICH PAPER HE COULD NOT RECALL. HE SAID THIS ARTICLE APPEARED SOMETIME WITHIN THE LAST TWO WEEKS AND THAT IT LISTED A GROUP OF NAMES OF MEMBERS OF THE JOHN REED CLUB. THE ARTICLE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THOUGH ANNA ROSENBERG-S NAME WAS NOT AMONG THESE, THAT IN FACT HER NAME DID BELONG AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THIS CLUB. RICHARDSON STATED THAT HE MENTIONED SOME OF THESE INDIVIDUALS BY NAME TO [ ] IN HIS TELEPHONE CONVERSATION AND THAT [ ] CONFIRMED THAT THEY WERE IN FACT CONNECTED WITH THE JOHN REED CLUB. RICHARDSON RECALLED SPECIFICALLY THAT HE MENTIONED THE NAMES OF ~~ANNA~~ ROCHESTER AND ~~JULIUS~~ ROSEN-  
THAL AS MEMBERS ON THE LIST OF THE JOHN REED CLUB WHICH HE HAD OBSERVED IN A NEWSPAPER. HE STATED THAT [ ] SAID THEY WERE MEMBERS OF THE JOHN REED CLUB. RICHARDSON SAID THAT HE ASKED SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THESE

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TWO BECAUSE IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING FROM THE ARTICLE HE HAD READ b7D  
THAT ANN ROSENBERG-S NAME WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN LISTED BETWEEN  
THE NAMES OF ROCHESTER AND ROSENTHAL ON THE LIST WHICH APPEARED IN  
THE NEWSPAPER. RICHARDSON STATED THAT HE DID NOT INTRODUCE [REDACTED]  
TO FREEDMAN AND THAT HE HAS NO IDEA HOW FREEDMAN CONTACTED [REDACTED]  
BUT HE WOULD SURMISE THAT HE DID IT ON HIS OWN AND PROBABLY TOLD HIM  
THAT HE, RICHARDSON, HAD SUGGESTED THAT HE CONTACT [REDACTED] RE JOHN  
REED CLUB LETTER OF PROTEST INCLUDING NAME ANNA ROSENBERG. PHOTOSTATIC  
COPIES OF ARTICLE IN MAY NINETEEN, NINETEEN THIRTY, ISSUE OF "NY  
TIMES" FORWARDED TO BUREAU BY SEPARATE LETTER DEC. EIGHT. SAID ARTICLE  
MAKES REFERENCE TO PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY JOHN REED CLUB AND INCLUDED  
NAMES OF OVER ONE HUNDRED PEOPLE, INCLUDING NAME ANNA ROSENBERG.  
RE KURT TEXTOR. MRS. CECILIA TEXTOR, SEVEN EIGHT TWO NINE EIGHTY-  
SEVENTH AVENUE, QUEENS, LONG ISLAND, NY, WIFE OF KURT TEXTOR, STATES  
KURT TEXTOR PRESENTLY IN BREMEN, GERMANY, EMPLOYED AS DISTRIBUTION  
MANAGER, "STARS AND STRIPES". SAYS KURT TEXTOR HAS BEEN IN GERMANY

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SINCE APRIL NINETEEN FORTY-NINE AND WILL NOT RETURN TO THE US IN NEAR FUTURE. MRS. CECILIA TEXTOR NEVER HEARD OF JOHN REED CLUB AND SAYS HER HUSBAND, KURT TEXTOR, NEVER BELONGED TO SAME OR ASSOCIATED WITH SAME. SAYS TEXTOR WORKED FOR ANNA M. ROSENBERG AS CLERK AND ORGANIZER IN NY AREA UNTIL NRA WAS DISSOLVED AND TEXTOR THEN EMPLOYED BY WFA. WIFE SAYS NEITHER SHE NOR HER HUSBAND HAD ANY COMMUNIST AFFILIATIONS, AND SAYS SHE KNOWS OF NO COMMUNIST AFFILIATIONS ON THE PART OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG. RE ALINE MAC MAHON. ALINE MAC MAHON ON INTERVIEW SAID SHE IS ACQUAINTED WITH ANNA M. ROSENBERG AND DESCRIBED ROSENBERG AS A WONDERFUL PERSON. DID NOT KNOW IF ROSENBERG EVER WAS A MEMBER OF THE JOHN REED CLUB. SAID ANNA M. ROSENBERG IS A LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZEN. ALINE MAC MAHON SAID THAT SHE HERSELF WAS NEVER A MEMBER OF JOHN REED CLUB. RE JACOB BAKER. JACOB BAKER, ECONOMETRICS INSTITUTE, INC., TWO THREE NAUGHT PARK AVENUE, NYC, STATED THAT ANNA M. ROSENBERG HAD NOTHING WHATSOEVER TO DO WITH BAKER-S OBTAINING A GOVERNMENT POSITION. SAID HE MET ANNA M. ROSENBERG ONCE IN WASHINGTON, DC, ABOUT NINETEEN

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THIRTY FIVE ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS AND KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT ACTIVITIES OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG OR ABOUT ANY ASSOCIATION OF ROSENBERG WITH JOHN REED CLUB. SAID HE BELIEVES SHE IS TOO SHREWD TO "BECOME INVOLVED". SAID SHE WAS WITH "NEW DEAL CREW" AND BELIEVES MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT RECOMMENDED ROSENBERG TO GENERAL MARSHALL, WHO GAVE ROSENBERG PRESENT POSITION. SAID HELEN WINNER DE SOLA WAS EMPLOYED ON WRITERS PROJECT IN NYC AS A RELIEF WORKER AND SAYS, ACCORDINGLY, SHE WAS NOT A GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE. SAID WPA GAVE RELIEF EMPLOYMENT TO ALL REGARDLESS OF CP MEMBERSHIP. SAID HE DID NOT LEARN OF HELEN WINNER DE SOLA-S EMPLOYMENT ON WPA UNTIL LONG AFTER, SHE STARTED WORKING AT NYC. SAID HE KNEW THAT HELEN WINNER DE SOLA WAS A CP MEMBER BECAUSE OF HER PAST EMPLOYMENT WITH "DAILY WORKER". STATES HE NEVER ASSISTED HELEN WINNER DE SOLA IN ANY WAY IN OBTAINING GOVERNMENT POSITION. RE IRVING BUCHWALD. IRVING BUCHWALD, TWO ONE FIVE EAST TWELFTH STREET, NYC, ADVISED THAT HE ATTENDED SOME MEETINGS OF THE JOHN REED CLUB, NYC, BUT CAN-T RECALL EVER JOINING SAME. SAYS NEVER HEARD OF ANNA ROSENBERG AND DOES NOT RECOGNIZED PICTURE OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG. RE IVAN BLACK, FOUR HUNDRED MADISON AVENUE, NYC, PRESENTLY WRITER AND PUBLIC RELATIONS MAN. STATES DOES NOT KNOW ANNA M. ROSENBERG PERSONALLY. DID MEET HER ON ONE OCCASION WHEN SHE WAS ASSISTANT TO HUGH JOHNSON, WHEN JOHNSON WAS HEAD OF THE WPA. BELIEVES THIS WAS IN JOHNSON-S OFFICE, NYC,

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PROBABLY AROUND THIRTY FIVE. BLACK ADVISED THAT HE JOINED THE JOHN REED CLUB IN EARLY THIRTIES. RECALLS ATTENDING ONE MEETING WITH CLIFFORD ODETTS, WRITER, WHO TOOK BLACK THERE. BELIEVES HE ATTENDED ONLY TWO OR THREE MORE MEETINGS OF JOHN REED CLUB IN EARLY THIRTIES, AND SAYS HE NEVER SAW ANNA M. ROSENBERG AT ANY OF THE JOHN REED CLUB MEETINGS HE ATTENDED. BLACK STATED HE NEVER HEARD FROM ANYONE THAT ANNA M. ROSENBERG WAS A MEMBER OF THE JOHN REED CLUB OR THAT SHE EVER ATTENDED ANY MEETINGS OF THE JOHN REED CLUB. BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHETHER CLIFFORD ODETTS SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED TO DETERMINE IF ODETTS EVER SAW ANNA M. ROSENBERG AT MEETINGS OF THE JOHN REED CLUB. RE BRADLEY CUTLER AND WIFE, VILLA CUTLER. INVESTIGATION, NYC, REFLECTS THESE PERSONS NOT NOW RESIDING ON FOURTEENTH STREET ON NORTH SIDE BETWEEN FIFTH AVENUE AND UNION SQUARE. INVES INDICATES CUTLERS DID RESIDE AT THIRTEEN EAST FOURTEENTH STREET FROM FEB ONE, THIRTY TWO, TO FEB TWENTY EIGHT, THIRTY FIVE. EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW THE CUTLERS CONTINUING. RE BALTIMORE TELETYPE DEC SEVEN LAST. IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS, MAX YERGAN, GRACE LUMPKIN AND RALPH DE TOLEDANO NOT BEING INTERVIEWED BY THIS OFFICE. IT IS NOTED THAT MRS. DE TOLDEANO CAME TO THIS OFFICE VOLUNTARILY ON DEC EIGHT, AND FURNISHED INFO REGARDING INST MATTER. INFO WAS FURNISHED TO BUREAU BY PREVIOUS TEL DEC EIGHT, FIFTY.

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cc Mr. Rosen

cc:

Mr. Peyton Ford  
Deputy Attorney General  
Director, FBI

December 12, 1950

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG  
SPECIAL INQUIRY - ALLEGATION  
OF MEMBERS IN THE JOHN REED CLUB

Reference is made to my memoranda of  
December 11, 1950, furnishing you with information  
concerning the above-captioned matter.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the  
report of Special Agent James P. Martin, dated  
December 11, 1950, at New York, New York, and also  
a copy of a letter directed to the Honorable  
Donald S. Dawson of the White House, containing  
up-to-date developments in this case based upon  
teletype summaries.

The investigation is continuing and you  
will be furnished with detailed reports in this  
matter upon their receipt.

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Mr. Peyton Ford  
Deputy Attorney General

December 13, 1950

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ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG  
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OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE JOHN REED CLUB

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ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN JOHN REED CLUB.  
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SHE STATES JAMES

MAGRAW DEFINITELY WAS COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBER, WHILE ON WRITERS PROJECT  
AND SHE IN COMPANY WITH [REDACTED] ATTENDED COMMUNIST PARTY UNIT  
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RECALL NAMES OF OTHERS WHO ATTENDED ABOUT [REDACTED] MENTIONED CP UNIT MEETINGS  
WITH MAGRAW AND WILL BE RE INTERVIEWED. RE.. [REDACTED] ON  
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SAYS FOLLOWING, IN ADDITION TO [ ] ATTENDED CP UNIT MEETINGS OF TOP SUPERVISORS OF BOTH REPORTER-S PROJECT AND WRITER-S PROJECT WPA AT NYC. ORRICK JOHNS /DECEASED/, JAMES MAGRAW, LOUELLA ~~HENKLE~~, RUTH ~~CRAWFORD~~, HELEN WINNER DE SOLA AND IVAN ~~BLACK~~. BELIEVES HENKLE AND CRAWFORD NOT RESIDING IN NY. THIS OFFICE WILL SECURE THEIR WHEREABOUTS AND SET OUT LEADS FOR INTERVIEWS OF HENKLE AND CRAWFORD. REF RPT REFLECTS BLACK ON INTERVIEW CLAIMED TO BE AN ANTI COMMUNIST. ACCORDING- LY BLACK WILL BE RE INTERVIEWED BY NY. [ ] SAYS ~~HENRY MORITZ~~ AND HELEN MAY ~~GOULD~~, BOTH NYC, AND BOTH NEVER CP MEMBERS TO [ ] [ ] KNOWLEDGE, AS WELL AS GENEVIEVE ~~PITO~~, CP MEMBER AT TIME AND FORMER WIFE OF MAGRAW, ATTENDED MARXIST STUDY GROUPS AT HOME OF BRADLEY ~~CUTLER~~ IN NYC AT WHICH BOTH [ ] AND JAMES MAGRAW WERE PRESENT. SAYS SOME TOOK PLACE PRIOR TO [ ] JOINING CP OR STARTING WORK AT WRITER-S PROJECT WPA. MORITZ, GOULD AND PITO WILL BE INTERVIEWED BY NY ON THIS. [ ] FURTHER SAYS THAT AFTER MAGRAW SIGNED [ ] APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN CP IN NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR, MAGRAW BROUGHT [ ] TO WATERFRONT SECTION OF CP ON HUDSON STREET IN NYC, OF WHICH SECTION MAGRAW WAS THEN A MEMBER ACCORDING TO [ ] SHORTLY THEREAFTER [ ] WAS TOLD TO TRANSFER TO SECTION [ ] OF CP SINCE [ ] WAS NOT WITHIN JURISDICTION OF WATERFRONT

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SECTION. FURTHER SAYS MAGRAW QUIT WRITERS PROJECT OF WPA UNDER FIRE AS A COMMUNIST AT TIME WOODRUM CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE INVESTIGATED MEMBERS OF WRITERS PROJECT ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT. SAYS WALTER K. VAN OLINDA, LAST KNOWN BY [REDACTED] AS EMPLOYEE OF ONE OF CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES IN WASHINGTON D. C. AND TERMED AS NON COMMUNIST BY [REDACTED] TOOK OVER MAGRAW-S JOB WHEN MAGRAW LEFT WRITER-S PROJECT, [REDACTED] SAYS VAN OLINDA SHOULD KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT MAGRAW-S COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES AND WHY MAGRAW LEFT JOB. WFO WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW VAN OLINDA RE MAGRAW AND ANY KNOWLEDGE OF COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG. RE... ANNA ROSENBERG, FORMER CLERK TYPIST WPA, REREPS SETS OUT ON PAGE THIRTYSIX INFO CONCERNING BOOK GIVEN BY CP EMPLOYEES TO EDWARD K. BANTA AND AUTOGRAPHED BY A NUMBER OF CP MEMBERS OF WRITERS PROJECT WPA. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RECALLS SAID BOOK OF BANTA-S AND SAYS IT IS HIS RECOLLECTION THAT ONE OF SIGNERS WAS ANNA ROSENBERG, NOT IDENTICAL WITH ANNA M. ROSENBERG, BUT, ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] A CLERK TYPIST AT WRITERS PROJECT, WPA WHO COMMENCED WORK THERE PROBABLY NINETEEN THIRTYSIX [REDACTED] SAYS ANNA ROSENBERG, CLERK-TYPIST, WAS RECRUITED INTO CP AFTER SHE STARTED WORK AT WRITER-S PROJECT AND RECALLS SHE WORKED UNDER SUPERVISOR NAMED LOU GODY, ALSO CP MEMBER AT TIME. [REDACTED] SAYS ANNA ROSENBERG, CLERK-TYPIST, IS DEFINITELY NOT THE ANNA ROSENBERG WHOM [REDACTED] SAW AT JOHN REED CLUB HAS NO KNOWLEDGE THAT THIS CLERK TYPIST EVER ATTENDED

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JOHN REED CLUB MEETINGS. KNOWS NO OTHER PERSONS NAMED ANNA ROSENBERG, OTHER THAT INST ONE, AND ALSO THE CLERK TYPIST. WFO WILL, THROUGH PERSONNEL RECORDS WRITER-S PROJECT WPA, FURNISH INFO CONCERNING SAID ANNA ROSENBERG, CLERK TYPIST, SO THAT SHE MAY BE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED. RE.. POSSIBLE PREVIOUS TESTIMONY CONCERNING ANNA ROSENBERG BY [REDACTED] BEFORE DIES COMMITTEE. [REDACTED] SAYS HE BELIEVES, BUT IS NOT SURE, THAT HE HEARD ANNA M. ROSENBERG MAKE A COMMENT THE OTHER DAY BEFORE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE, TO THE EFFECT THAT [REDACTED] HAD [REDACTED] CONCERNING ON ANNA ROSENBERG BEFORE THE DIES COMMITTEE. [REDACTED] SAYS HE CANNOT RECALL SUCH TESTIMONY ON HIS PART BUT SAYS THAT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AND HE MAY HAVE MENTIONED ANNA ROSENBERG, CLERK TYPIST. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] WFO WILL REVIEW REPORTS DIES COMMITTEE HEARINGS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ABOUT AN ANNA ROSENBERG. [REDACTED] SAYS THAT, AFTER SEEING AND TALKING TO ANNA II. ROSENBERG AT ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING, HE IS, IF POSSIBLE, MORE CERTAIN THAT SHE IS INDIVIDUAL HE MET AT JOHN REED CLUB.

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Honorable Donald S. Dawson  
Administrative Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Dawson:

Reference is made to previous reports furnished you concerning Anna Marie Rosenberg on December 7 and December 10, 1950.

For your further information, the following information has been received from our New York Office by teletype today.

Helen Winner DeSola was reinterviewed on December 10, 1950, and advised that she has no knowledge of Anna M. Rosenberg other than previously furnished. She said that [redacted] would not knowingly lie and is an extremely zealous anti-Communist. She further advised that James Magraw was definitely a Communist Party member while on the Writer's Project of the WPA and that she, in company with [redacted] attended Communist Party unit meetings of top supervisors of the Writer's Project of the WPA. She said that this Magraw had been the right-hand man to Henry Alsberg, but that Alsberg was not a Communist Party member to her knowledge.

[redacted] on reinterview December 10, 1950, advised that he had attended Marxist study groups at the home of [redacted] in New York City when James Magraw was present. He said this took place prior to his joining the Communist Party or his starting work at [redacted]. He further said that after Magraw signed [redacted] application for membership in the Communist Party in 1934, Magraw brought him to the Water-Front Section of the Communist Party on Hudson Street in New York City, of which section Magraw was then a member. [redacted] said that shortly thereafter he was told to [redacted]

[redacted] was not within the jurisdiction of the Water-Front Section. He also advised that Magraw quit the Writer's Project of the WPA under fire as a Communist at the time of the Woodrum Congressional Committee investigation of this project in about 1938.

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[ ] also advised that he recalled another Anna Rosenberg who was a former clerk-typist of the WPA, and recalled that a book had been given to one Edward K. Santa by Communist Party employees of the WPA, and these employees had autographed this book for Santa. He said he recalled that one of the signers was Anna Rosenberg, but that this person was not identical with instant Anna M. Rosenberg. He advised that Anna Rosenberg, the clerk-typist, was recruited into the Communist Party after she started work at the Writer's Project in about 1936. He said that the Anna Rosenberg, clerk-typist, is definitely not the Anna Rosenberg whom he saw at John Reed Club meetings. He also advised that he knew no other Anna Rosenbergs.

[ ] concluded by stating that after seeing and talking to Anna M. Rosenberg at the Armed Services Committee meeting, he is, if possible, more certain that she is the individual he met at the John Reed Club.

The above information is based on teletype summaries, and detailed reports concerning this information will be furnished to you immediately upon receipt. The investigation in this matter is continuing, and additional information will be furnished to you as it is received.

With assurances of my highest regards,

Sincerely yours,

cc:

Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Callan  
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December 13, 1950

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Honorable Donald M. Dawson  
Administrative Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Dawson:

Reference is made to previous reports furnished you concerning Anna Marie Rosenberg and to my letters dated December 11 and 12, 1950, setting forth additional data based on teletype summaries. b7D

In order to give you the benefit of up-to-date information concerning the investigation the following is being set forth that has been received by teletype from our New York Office. Edward Dahlberg, book reviewer for "The Freeman," has advised that he was a member of the John Reed Club for eight or nine months in 1930 or 1931, but stated that he does not recall anyone named Rosenberg as a member of the club. He was unable to identify Anna M. Rosenberg from photographs as any person he had ever seen at club meetings. Dahlberg stated that he has heard of Anna M. Rosenberg but does not believe he has ever met her and does not recall ever having heard that she was a member of the Communist Party or any Communist organizations. He said that he severed all Communist connections in 1932 or 1933 and has been anti-Communist since that time. You will recall that [redacted] alleged that Magraw had pointed Dahlberg out to him at a John Reed Club meeting as being a prominent member in the Communist Party.

Our Philadelphia Division has advised by teletype that Mrs. Daniel Magraw, also known as Helen Tamaris, stated upon interview that she had no knowledge of Anna Rosenberg or the John Reed Club. You will recall that [redacted] alleged that Helen Tamaris had been a member of the John Reed Club.

Our Philadelphia Office also advised that Jerry Magraw admitted attending meetings of the John Reed Club in 1932 but stated that he did not know Anna M. Rosenberg and did not possess her photograph. Magraw you will recall was mentioned by [redacted] as a member of the John Reed Club.

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Our Baltimore Office has advised by teletype that Mrs. Whittaker Chambers stated that Anna M. Rosenberg is completely unknown to her and that she does not recall knowing any individual by the name of Anna M. Rosenberg in the John Reed Club. She recalled that in the early 1930's, when she was going by the name Esther Shemitz, that her name appeared in the New York Times in a list of John Reed Club members but she stated that her name was included in that list without her consent. Mrs. Chambers said that she dropped out of the John Reed Club in about 1931 and had no further contact with it.

An allegation was received that a Father Gregory of Kent College in Ohio had indicated that he knew Anna Rosenberg's antecedents and that one relative of Anna Rosenberg is now supposed to be the head of the secret police in Hungary. Our Cleveland Office has advised that Father George Gregory Bersinee, Pastor, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Greek Catholic Church, Akron, Ohio, and visiting professor of the Russian language, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, stated that in about 1948, he received correspondence from one Dr. Jeno Bajza, a Priest of the Catholic Church in Budapest Hungary. In this correspondence he said Bajza mentioned that one Ben Rosenberg was named as a first secretary to Premier Matyas Rakosi of Hungary. Father Bersinee said that he had noticed in recent newspaper articles that the birthplace of Anna M. Rosenberg was Budapest, Hungary, and therefore assumed it was possible that she was a distant relative of Ben Rosenberg mentioned above.

Detailed reports concerning the information set forth above, that is based on teletype summaries, will be furnished to you immediately upon receipt. The investigation in this matter is continuing, and additional information will be furnished to you as it is received.

With assurances of my highest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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FROM : A. H. BELMONT *AB*

SUBJECT: ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG *NR*

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As you have been informed previously, Mr. John T. Cahill and his firm are acting as legal advisors to Anna Rosenberg. Mr. Jerome Doyle, former FBI Agent and presently connected with Mr. Cahill and his legal firm, is also assisting in the Anna Rosenberg matter.

Mr. Jerome Doyle informed Mr. Lynch of the Liaison Section that General Bedell Smith, head of CIA, had contacted him and desires a conference with Mr. Doyle next week. Mr. Doyle indicated that he was going to meet with General Smith sometime next week and indications are that General Smith will ask Mr. Doyle to be his assistant.

The above is being made a matter of record and is for your information.

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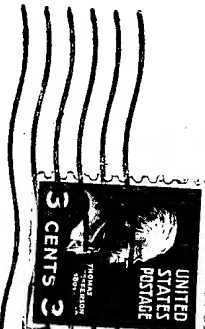
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## OPEN LETTER TO CONGRESS

### How To Stabilize And Restore The Confidence Of Our People And Respect Of The World How To Protect Christianity And Save Civilization

These things can still be done, but Congress must be practical. Congress must quickly learn who the enemy is, and have the courage to speak up.

A person alarmed by his poor physical condition seeks the best medical authority, learns the worst, then takes immediate measures to cure the disease or have the malignancy removed. Congress must do the same for America; if our Republic is to survive.

The writer, is informed on the all-important question known as "Communism," a Zionist-Marxist worldwide conspiracy. For eighteen years the writer has made an intensive study of the evil plan for abolishment of the United States and the enslavement of Christianity. For five years the writer has used his energy and every dollar he had to educate sufficient people in order to avert the crisis which was plainly coming. The great accomplishments of COMMON SENSE, always working with insufficient funds, are due to the combined efforts of informed associates who have closely cooperated with us.

For five years we have repeatedly told all listeners that the talk about Communism being

"a terrible thing" would not save the world from Marxist slavery unless people at high levels, learned by whom Communism is backed, and then had the courage to take a stand, speaking the truth.

A deceptive campaign of "tolerance" (promoted by Marxists) has kept Christian people deluded while the International Yiddish conspiracy has rallied approximately one and one-half billion people against Christianity. Within two weeks an additional four million people may be turned against us.

During this crisis, when cool, informed leaders of courage are needed to steer America through the incredibly grave situation which now confronts us, we have in charge of our government men who do not understand the International revolutionists. Those men are confused and stumbling. They are men being guided to destruction by cunning, well-organized, anti-Christian Zionist revolutionists who have maneuvered themselves into the confidence of Christian leaders in order to make the United States part of a world government ruled by the Zionists after millions of Americans have been slaughtered, as already millions of fellow Christians have been slaughtered in other sections of the world.

The writer is not confused and is not afraid because he understands the world-wide conspiracy which is going on. The writer knew that when allied forces reached the Manchurian border Chinese troops, directed by their Zionist-Communist masters, were set and waiting. This knowledge was not due to any know-all of military tactics; instead it was believed through the writer's knowledge of the Marxist mind and plan. Even the illustrious general, MacArthur, is undermined

through Zionists operating under the cloak of UN immunity.

In Korea we are not dealing with Chinese "Communists." What the world knows as "Chinese Communists" are only deceived puppets of World Marxism which is mainly financed and directed by Zionists in the United States. They are the same Zionists who throw elaborate dinners, and have Senators and Congressmen as speakers so as to prevent the elected representatives from learning who the real plotters are.

The editor of COMMON SENSE, with the cooperation of the most correctly informed people in the world, offers this solution to preserve our freedom: Congress should immediately arrange an open hearing and allow our associates to present evidence to support the following charges:

1. Zionism is set up and governed by Asiatic Yiddish.
2. Communism is a front for anti-Christian Zionism.
3. The United Nations was devised, and is operated today, by Zionists in the background.
4. The United World Federalist organization is a front for Zionism. In the group some Christians, wanting to be good Americans, are fronting for the Yiddish plotters.
5. Israel is a Yiddish-Zionist-Communist state and — in a showdown — will favor the U.S.S.R.

Yiddish Zionist Marxists have been maneuvered by the Zionists into positions as secretaries to the representatives of U. N., U. S. Senators, Federal Judges, War Department, Navy officials, the Federal Communications Control system, the State Department, and the White House (David Niles). These Yiddish Zionist Marxists have been trained from childhood to guide trusting Christian dupes and to secure confidential information from over the world to be used in destroying governments.

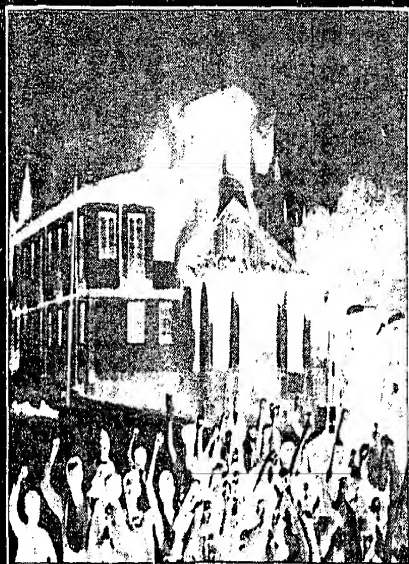
The government in Washington has, for the past 15 years, been governed by Zionists using unsuspecting Christian dupes to carry out the Zionist plan. A few, like the late Honorable James Forrestal, discovered they were being used to bring about the crisis we now find ourselves in, and rebelled. Forrestal was maneuvered into death, as were a number of others.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, during his late years, was a virtual slave to the Zionists as is President Truman today. Truman is being used to condition the United States for Communism as was Eduard Benes, president of Czechoslovakia, and Mr. Truman will be maneuvered into death — as was Eduard Benes — as soon as the Zionists are through with Truman.

The following so-called "Communist countries" are today ruled by Yiddish Zionists in the open:

- HUNGARY**  
 Matyas Rakosi (Rosenzweig) — Deputy Prime Minister (Zionist).  
 Peter Gabor (Berg Auspitz) — Chief of Political Police (Zionist).  
 Erno Gero (Singer) — Minister of Finance (Zionist).  
 Zoltan Vas (Weinberger) — Chief of Planning (Zionist).  
 Joseph Raval (Roth) — Minister of Education (Zionist).  
 Ivan Boldizar (Blum) — Chief of Press for Foreign Affairs (Zionist).  
 Mihaly Farkas — Minister of Defense (Zionist).  
 — (real name unknown).

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 Stalin (married to the Jewess, R. M. Kagnovitch).  
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Spanish Communists Cheer as Madrid Church, Which They Set on Fire, Goes Up In Flames

When the Communist revolution in Spain was set off in 1936 Soviet Ambassador, Zionist Moses Rosenberg immediately took charge. Communists burned 25,000 Churches and religious institutions, massacred 400,000 civilians. One and half million people were killed before General Franco subdued the Marxists.

## HEBREW POET SAYS SOCIALISM IS "FRUIT OF JEWISH SPIRIT"

The following excerpts are from the July, 1933 issue of "Lines of Communication," a monthly publication described on its title page as "A Diocesan Magazine of the Anglican Church in Jerusalem, and Throughout the Holy Land, Trans Jordan, Syria, and Cyprus." "Editor, Archbishop Steward, St. Georges Close, Jerusalem," which printed the address by Mr. N. H. Bielik, described as "the most famous of Hebrew poets." Bielik was also brother-in-law of Jan Garminal, former citizen commander of the Soviet Army. The speech itself was delivered at Hebrew University, Jerusalem, May 11, 1932.

Bielik said: "The argument is that Judaism, by penetrating among the Gentiles (in its Christian guise or otherwise) has gradually undermined the remnants of paganism. Such penetration has not been without deliberate conniving in the shape of assistance bestowed in a thousand ways, devices and

disguises. It has been effected in great measure by crypto-Jews, who have permeated Christianity and spoken through the mouth of Christianity.

"By these devices, through Jewish will and through the power of their Jewish blood and owing to an instinct for 'requital' they have gradually induced Christianity to shed what was left in it of pagan elements; and it is they who in principle are the creators of the Renaissance, of Liberalism, of Democracy, of Socialism, and of Communism.

"All this achievement has come about chiefly through unknown and anonymous Jews. Jews in secret, either crypto-Jews who mingled among Gentiles and nurtured great thinkers from among them; or through the influence of Jews who, in the great crisis of liberty and freedom, have stood behind the scenes, or through Jewish teachers and scholars from the times of the Middle Ages. It was the disciples of Jewish teachers who headed the Protestant movement."

(Editor's Note: Think of the swarm of students Felix Frankfurter taught in Harvard, then had F. appoint to key government positions).

"These dogs, these haters of Israel, have a keen nose. In truth, Jewish influence in Germany is powerful. It is impossible to ignore it. Marx was Jew. His manner of thought was Jewish; and one of his forebears was a most distinguished Rabbi endowed with a powerful mind.

"The newspapers under Jewish control, obviously served as an auxiliary in all movements in favor of freedom. Not in vain have Jews been drawn toward journalism. In their hands it became a weapon highly fitted to meet their needs.

"The Gentiles have at last realized this secret — that Judaism has gradually penetrated and permeated them like a drug. The Gentile nature is in revolt and is trying to organize the final battle. Paganism is minded to organize its last war against Judaism. And there is no doubt that this warfare is being waged specifically against Democracy, against Socialism. This is another world-wide warfare against the forces of Judaism. I venture to think that Socialism in its highest form is the fruit of the Jewish spirit, and the fruit of the world outlook of the prophets. It is they who were the first Socialists."

(Editor's note: Our sincere thanks and appreciation to M. M. of Pennsylvania for sending this revealing address to us.)

# The Great Design

## [A Master Plan For Supreme Power]

"The design is too complete, and too obvious, to be without designers. In the sequence of past events one may discern the framework of future developments. . . The organic evolution of a definite plan; stupendous in its conception and ruthless in its execution. . ."

Norman Gordon, "Revelation Magazine, Dec., 1948.

"When you see different pieces of material separately constructed, but each so shaped that, together they form parts of a completed whole, you cannot avoid the conclusion that there is a central purpose guiding the seemingly independent efforts of the various workers."

Abraham Lincoln (abridged)

"You call us subverters, agitators, revolution mongers and all. It is the truth. But what is that besides the unquestionable historical conspiracy which we have carried out and which we have never denied because you have never had the courage to charge us with it; but of which the full record is extant for anybody to read."

Zionist Marcus Eli Ravage, "Century Magazine," Jan., 1928

### —STEPS—

1. World War I.
2. League of Nations.
3. World War II.
4. Defeat of Germany.
5. Control of central and western Europe.
6. Control of the British Government.
7. Control of the United States Government.
8. Control of the Judiciary.
9. Organization of the United Nations, with headquarters in New York.
10. National sovereignty for Israel.
11. Admission of Israel to United Nations.
12. Domination of United Nations organization.
13. Adoption of Genocide Convention, International Bill of Rights, I.T.O., I.L.O. etc.
14. Russian-Israeli alliance to control Mediterranean and Near East.
15. Control of eastern Europe and Asia.
16. Expropriation of monetary gold; substitution of irredeemable paper money.
17. Development and control of ATOMIC power.
18. Population control. Concentration in world capital (N.Y.).
19. Abolition of restrictions on immigration.
20. Control of economic, financial, political and social life through SOCIALISM.
21. Control of press, radio, television, stage and screen, books, magazines and other means of communication and dissemination.
22. Control of basic industries, including power and transportation, through organized labor.
23. Control of agriculture, food products, liquor and clothing. Control of labor, education; the arts science and the professions.
24. Control of public housing. Ownership of real-estate including hotels and apartments.
25. Destruction of Christianity, especially Catholicism.
26. Enactment of State and Federal F.E.P.C. laws.
27. Enactment of laws making "anti-semitism" distribution of "anti-semitic" literature and "racial discrimination" a statutory crime.
28. Censorship. Suppression of criticism or adverse comment.
29. Concentration of wealth. Tax exemption (income, estate, gifts, etc.).
30. World War III. National bankruptcy, followed by a capital law.
31. Establishment of WORLD GOVERNMENT. Control of international armed forces, and arms production.
32. Complete and absolute WORLD DOMINATION.

\* Planned, but as yet incomplete.

\*\* Domination of political parties. Labor, Conservative, Liberal, Socialist, etc.

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## Tear That One World Banner Down!

OLIVER ALLSTORM

A ONE WORLD flag was flown today  
By traitors to the U.S.A.  
But bear in mind that flag's a sham  
A wolf dressed up just like a lamb;  
At best 'tis but a mongrel rag  
That never can supplant our flag.

Tear it down! Tear it down;

Our Founding Fathers walk today  
In spirit through the U.S.A.  
They view with scorn and anxious eyes  
The rag that darkens up our skies  
And from their graves they shout and cry  
That Mongrel flag must never fly—

Tear it down! Tear it down;

We hear the cry from Washington,  
From Hamilton and Jefferson,  
From old Ben Franklin, Putnam, Paine,  
From Henry, Parker, Green and Wayne,  
And all our Pilgrim fathers cry—  
That foreign flag must never fly—

Tear it down! Tear it down;

From Yorktown, Trenton, Lexington,  
We still can hear the farmers' gun.  
From Concord, Valley Forge and still  
From blood-red, snow-clad Bunker Hill  
And all our hills ring with the cry  
That Mongrel flag must never fly

Tear it down! Tear it down;

Look to the "North Church," see the light  
Still burning through the darkest night.  
And there's a hero at our door  
Still shouting as in days of yore.  
Now listen and your heart can hear  
The midnight cry of Paul Revere.

Tear it down! Tear it down;

Think of those fighting "Minute Men"  
Whose blood made red each snowy glen.  
Think of our martyrs, brave and true,  
And how they died for me and you.  
There's Nathan, Hale and Isaac Hayne  
Who from their gallows, cry again.

Tear it down! Tear it down;

And hear the Liberty Bell ring out  
From Independence Hall, men shout—  
Their Declaration to be free  
From entanglements beyond the sea.  
Repeat their cry from town to town,  
Leap up and tear that banner down,

Tear it down! Tear it down;

A land divided soon shall fall  
Let this be known to one and all:  
So wave OLD GLORY, it's our flag  
And rip that Communistic rag!  
Our Liberty's at stake, we cry—  
That Mongrel flag must never fly—  
Not in America's glowing sky!

Tear it down! Tear it down!

# OPEN LETTER TO CONGRESS

(Continued from Page 1)

Lazar M. Kaganovich, Director of Heavy Industry (Zionist).  
V. M. Molotov—Politburo Member (married to a Jewess).  
Lozovsky—Assistant to Molotov (Zionist).  
Feodor Gusev (Joseph)—Ambassador to London (Zionist).  
General Chornokhovskiy—Led the Soviet Army into East Prussia (Zionist).  
Scheinine—Chief Soviet Criminal Investigator in Berlin (Zionist).  
Maxim Litvinov (Finkelstein)—Communist Organizational Director (Zionist).  
Shvernik—Member of the Politburo (Zionist).  
Mikoyan—Member of the Politburo (Zionist).  
Beria—Chief of the Soviet Secret Police (Zionist).  
Alevi F. Corbin—Secretary of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet (Zionist).  
Mekhlis—Ministry of State Control (Zionist).  
Vanniker—Ministry of Agricultural Machinery (Zionist).  
Ilya Ehrenberg—Member of Supreme Soviet and Presidium of Soviet Peace Committee; also well-known as editor of *Pravda* (Zionist).  
L. M. Pulver—One of Soviet Russia's leading composers; specializes in Jewish music for the Moscow State Jewish Theatre (Zionist).

## UKRAINE

D. J. Manulsky—Dictator (Zionist).

## POLAND

Jacob Berman—Dictator (Zionist).  
Saul Amsterdamski—Political Adviser (Zionist).  
S. Skrzewski—Minister of Education (Zionist).  
H. Strassburger—Ambassador to London (Zionist).  
Colonel Szyr—Vice-Minister of Industry (Zionist).  
Mieczyslaw Salcyen—Director of School for Political Officers at Lodz (Zionist).  
Tadeusz Oppman—Military attache in Paris (Zionist).  
Stefan Litwin—Chargé d'Affaires for Poland in U.S.A. (Zionist).  
J. Galewski—Consul-General for Poland in U.S.A. (Zionist).  
\*Among organizers and leaders of the foreign brigades which aided the Loyalists in Spanish Civil War.  
T. Cyprian—Public Prosecutor (Zionist).  
Dr. Braniewski—Chief of Youth Movement (Zionist).  
(Note — Trained two million in 1948).  
E. Ochab—Secretary, Central Council Communist Party (Zionist).  
Julius Katz-Soy—Permanent U.N. delegate from Poland (Zionist).

## BULGARIA

Favonov—Chief Secretary, Minister of Propaganda (Zionist).  
Karanov—Director of the Varna radio station (Zionist-ex-Russiat).  
Trajan Menov—Secretary General of the Union of Bulgarian Fighters (Zionist).

\*Among the organizers and leaders of the foreign brigades which aided the Loyalists in Spanish Civil War.

## ROMANIA

Anna Pauker (Zvi Rabinsohn) Dictator (Zionist).  
Paul Davidovici—Councillor to Rumanian Legation in Israel (Zionist).

## YUGOSLAVIA

Moishe Pijade—Vice-President of Yugoslavia and real ruler (Zionist).  
Levy—Tito's advisor on Foreign Affairs (Zionist).  
Dr. A. Bekani—Supreme Judge (Zionist).  
Janko Gregov—Secretary of Syndicate Council at Belgrade (Zionist).

\*Among organizers and leaders of the foreign brigades which aided the Loyalists in Spanish Civil War.

## CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Klement Gottwald—President, Czechoslovakia (Zionist).  
Bohumil Laspoveck—Director of Czech radio network (Zionist).  
Jaska Spirk—President of Czech-Moravian Union of Metallurgical Workers (Zionist).  
Slavsky—General Secretary of the Communist Party (Zionist).  
Edward Goldbrucker—Czech Minister to Israel (Zionist).  
B. Germdiner—Deputy Gen. Secretary of Communist Party (Zionist).  
Zdenek Fieringer—Vice-Premier (Zionist).

Dr. Rudolf Bystricky—Czech Ambassador to London (Zionist—real name Weichherz).  
F. C. Weiskopf—Czech envoy to Sweden (Zionist).

\*Among the organizers and leaders of the foreign brigades which aided the Loyalists in Spanish Civil War.

## CHINA

Maxim Litvinov (Finkelstein)—Communist Organizational Director (Zionist).  
Gregori Stern—Soviet General now on staff of Chinese Red Army (Zionist). He was known as Kieber in war against Franco in Spain).  
Borodin (Grusenberg)—Organizer of the Communist Party in China, a member of the Soviet Ministry of Public Works (Zionist).  
\*Among the organizers and leaders of the foreign brigades which aided the Loyalists in Spanish Civil War.

In the so-called "Labor Government" of England these are the Zionists:

## ENGLAND

Emanuel Shirewell—Minister of Defense (Zionist).  
John Strachey—Minister of War (Zionist).  
Strauss—Minister of Supply (Zionist).  
S. C. Leslie (Labarus) Chief Economic Information Office (Zionist).  
A. B. Cohen—Chief, African Department of Colonial Affairs Office, (Zionist).  
Prof. S. Zuckerman—Deputy Chairman, Advisory Council on Scientific Policy and Committee on Industrial Productivity (Zionist).  
Rudolph E. Peters—President Atomic Scientists Association (Zionist).  
A. L. Epstein—Colonial Office "expert" to prepare unified legal system for Northern Rhodesia (Zionist).

Listed below are a few of the strategic positions Marxists have secured in their quiet plan to seize control of the U.S.

## UNITED STATES

Maj. General Lyman Lemnitzer—Director, Office of Foreign Military Assistance (Zionist).  
Brig. Gen. A. Robert Cinsburg—Director of Public Information (Zionist).  
Lt. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay—Strategic Air Command; in charge of long range bombing (Zionist).  
Maj. Gen. Mark W. Clark—Chief, Army Field Forces (Zionist). Mother, Rebecca Elizabeth Benjamin J. Buttenwieser—Assistant High Commissioner in Germany (Zionist).  
Benj. A. Cohen—Asst. Secretary General in charge of Public Information of U.N. (Zionist).  
Abraham H. Felter—General Counsel and Director for U.N. (Zionist).  
Isador Lubin—Economic and Employment Commission of U.N. (Zionist).  
David A. Morse (Moscovitch)—Director of International Labor Organization (U.N.) (Zionist).  
Michael J. Lee (Liberman)—Chief, Far Eastern Division of Office of International Trade (Zionist).  
David K. Niles (Neyhus)—Administrative Assistant to the President (Zionist).  
Leon H. Keyserling—Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers (Zionist).  
Philip B. Perlman, Solicitor General—Dept. of Justice (Zionist).  
David N. Edelstein—Asst. Attorney General, Div. of Customs, Dept. of Justice (Zionist).  
Phillip M. Kaiser—Assistant Secretary of Labor (Zionist).  
Ernest Gruening—Governor of Alaska (Zionist).  
Morris F. deCastro—Governor of the Virgin Islands (Zionist).  
(Note: Virgin Islands are almost within rowing distance of the Panama Canal).

Anna M. Rosenberg—"Special Consultant" to Symington, Chairman of the National Security Resources Board (Zionist).  
Marx Leva — Assistant Secretary of Defense (Zionist).  
R. F. Bacher—Member of Atomic Energy Commission (Zionist).  
R. J. Oppenheimer—Chairman of Advisory Comm. to Atomic Energy Commission (Zionist).  
S. Reber—"Political Adviser" to McCloy, High Commissioner of W. Germany (Zionist).  
Milton Katz—U.S.A. representative to Europe for F.C.A. (Zionist).  
J. D. Wolfsohn—"Special Assistant" to Secretary

of Interior, Chapman (Zionist).  
B. Baruch—Member of the U.N.O. Commission on Atomic Energy (Zionist).  
Ernest A. Gross—Deputy Representative to U.N. (Zionist).

(Insofar as Israel is concerned, here is the record): Col. Alfred G. Katzin—Representative of U.N. in Korea (Zionist).

## ISRAEL

The following Zionists are of Asiatic Yiddish origin (Khazars). None of their ancestors ever set a foot in the Holy Land. Dr. Chaim Weizmann, First President, was BORN IN LITHUANIA. David Ben Gurion, Prime Minister of Defense, Mordechai Bentov, Minister of Labor; Isaac Guernbaum, Minister of Interior; Itche Meier Levin, Minister, Moshe Shapira, Minister of Immigration — ALL BORN IN POLAND. David Remez, Minister of Transportation and Communication; Aharon Zisling, Minister of Agriculture, Eliezer Kaplan, Minister of Finance, Moshe Shertok, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Rabbi Judah Leib, Fishman, Minister of Education and Religion — ALL BORN IN RUSSIA.

Two-thirds of the oil supply of the world is located within the 500 miles of Israel. The late Secretary of Defense, Forrestal, was afraid that in the event of war Israel would see to it that the Soviet Union secured this oil.

Communism all over the world, including the 1917 revolution in Russia, has been financed in the United States. In support of that statement, there can be no better reference than the following:

## JACOB SCHIFF

The "Jewish Communal Register" of 1917-18, published by the "Kehillah (Jewish Community) of New York," 356 Second Avenue, N. Y., (p. 1019) praises Jacob Schiff, head of Kuhn Loeb and Co., for financing the Russian Red Revolution.

Is the COMMON SENSE group the only one which believes the foregoing to be facts?

No. Many thousands in the United States know that the things mentioned here are facts, and at least 70% of the population suspect them, think them, and quietly say so.

COMMON SENSE knows that all the charges of a world-wide Zionist-Marxist plot (popularly known as "Communism") can be proven by what the Yiddish Marxists themselves have said in their writings.

Yiddish Marxists, mainly through their organizations — Anti-Defamation League and American Jewish Congress — have, during the last five years, intimidated six printers and forced them to stop work for COMMON SENSE. This, despite the fact that, during the first three years of the publication of the paper, no mention was made of Jews. In all the five years of COMMON SENSE's determination to expose Communism ONLY THE YIDDISH HAVE FOUGHT US.

All other effective Anti-Communists have been fought only by the Yiddish who brand the Anti-Communists as "Anti-Semites."

We have reason to believe that we could get \$100,000 — or more — to suspend publication. We will not sell, but we will turn COMMON SENSE over to the Yiddish-operated Daily Worker if the foregoing charges are not proven at a fair, open Congressional hearing.

It is time for a showdown if civilization is to endure.

Conde McGinley, Editor

## Christ, Our Teacher Of Truth & Salvation

All human progress is based on teaching. To gain a better knowledge of the things concerning God than can be obtained by our natural mental equipment, we need a teacher who is in the full possession of this knowledge. For our own training as children of God, we need a teacher who is perfectly familiar with our nature, its capabilities and limitations, and with our God-ordained destination. For either, none is more perfectly qualified than Christ. Therefore St. Paul insists very emphatically that Christ be our teacher: "See to it that no one deceives you by philosophy and vain deceit, according to human traditions, according to the elements of the world and not according to Christ. For in him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead." Col. 2:8-9. Christ himself insists: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." John 14:6.

## RED HIGHLIGHTS

Millions of letters of protest are swarming into Washington from every state in the Union protesting the confinement in office of Secretary Dean Acheson, George Marshall, and the approval of Anna M. Rosenberg as Assistant Secretary of Defense. Still the New Deal Administration keeps on a steady course down the path of national destruction. It is obvious to those who are informed that the international revolutionary Zionists are in complete control and will battle the American people for absolute domination of their lives.

The New York Post (Marxist newspaper) on November 30th carried a large photo of three prominent persons who attended a birthday party in New York. From left to right they are Albert Einstein (belongs to over 50 Communist Fronts) General George C. Marshall, Secretary of Defense (the Russian revolution with his money) and Mrs. Dorothy Schiff (Her grandfather started *fosse*). Did you know that in 1947 the Communists made a thorough and detailed study of major industrial centers of the United States? The study was made by Communist party squads or "cells" specially constituted for the job. As a result of their surveys the Communist party has a catalogue of strategic installations earmarked for destruction or capture in a show down fight with Russia. This large scale sabotage would seriously cripple the country's industrial power if coincided with the dropping of the Atom Bomb. Is it true that the reason why Truman went out to see MacArthur was because MacArthur knew that he was going to be double-crossed and he was going to resign? The President recently stated that the Atom Bomb might be used. Four months ago the Communist Party started a publicity program in the Daily Worker denouncing the use of the Atom Bomb. Why? It is simple. The Zionists and Communists are already in control of our government. With Marshall and Rosenberg in the defense Department they intend to make this war a long and devastating affair so that we will never recover. Anna M. Rosenberg the appointee to Assistant Secretary of Defense made the statement recently that this was going to be a long war. That is if she has her way. The Zionist-Communists are afraid that if the Atom Bomb is dropped the war will be over in a hurry and will be prevented from bankrupting the country and establishing a totalitarian government in America. Many Americans are not aware of what the Catholic Church is going through in Palestine under the Zionist regime. Evidence of the destruction of Christianity in Palestine was recently brought to light in a letter from Brother Anthony Bruys, Amman, Transjordan. He wrote:

"The refusal to let us exercise our most sacred rights . . . the attempts to invade our property . . . the open hostility against some of our religious are galling us deeply."

"The political phase of the Palestine issue is not of primary concern to the Franciscans, state the Custos, but they cannot remain indifferent toward those delicate questions involving shrines, our work, and our activities."

"The Custos lists material damage done to buildings and institutions directed by the Holy Land Custody, and mentions the chapel and monastery of the Cenacle on Mt. Zion in Jerusalem, from which our religious were forcibly expelled by the occupying troops."

Some people wondered why civilian air lines were banned from using the Newark, New Jersey airport during the war. According to Maj. Racey Jordan it was because one of the civilian air planes brushed up against a Russian plane. Hopkins was contacted personally in Washington by telephone and from then on all civilian and passenger planes were prohibited from using the airport.

Doris Katz (Carr) a card-carrying Communist, according to testimony last September, before a Senate Judiciary Committee was a courier for Walter Winchell before being "quoted" into the Office of War Information. After Katz was finally fired from the OWI he went to work for Drew Pearson who has the reputation of working with a sinister secret by network and smear bond which has close ties with Socialist and Communist movements.

The Zionist Defense Minister of England, Emanuel Shinwell made the statement to the world recently that Gen. Douglas MacArthur exceeded his authority by driving for the Manchurian frontier of Korea. The Zionists are organized all over the world and act as a unit for the destruction of Christianity in America.

## ALL FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST ARE ANTI-SEMITIC

"To Christians of all denominations Jesus is the symbol of all that is pure, sacred, and lovely. To Jews from the fourth century, Jesus became the symbol of anti-Semitism, of libel, of cruelty, of violent death."

Joseph Dunner, A Zionist in "The Republic of Israel" Page 10. Published Oct., 1950.

## COAST FLAG INCIDENT AROUSES A PATRIOT

In the World-Telegram and Sun there appeared a shocking article by the United Press. It was headed "UN Flag Waves Over L. A. Hacklers." It stated that a group of loyal American women in Los Angeles, rightly protesting against any flag other than our own Stars and Stripes being raised over our public buildings, were called "hacklers." If they are "hacklers" then I say every American woman in every part of the U.S.A. should become such a "hackler."

It is not only deplorable, but the flashing of a red danger signal in our country, when it reaches the point that women upholding the honor of our flag, defending and protecting it, should be called names for doing their duty. Where are our Americans? Still asleep? Well, wake up, and join these noble women. Our most needed defense is not in Korea. It is right at home—guarding our home front. The U.N. flag belongs to the United Nations. It is not our flag. Jackson Heights, N.Y., Helen LaSalle

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### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Nineteen hundred and fifty years ago a saviour was born into the world. A saviour who showed a confused world the way to happiness. The teachings of Christ have never been changed and all could live happy if a frustrated world had not created its own gods. Each one of us should give thanks that we may still celebrate the birthday of Christ. The enemies of Christ are working in an effort to wipe out the name and teachings from the earth. So let us celebrate the birthday of our saviour in a Christian fashion.

The Editor and his co-workers wish to extend to the readers of Common Sense a most Blessed Merry Christmas and a happy healthful New Year.

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Deputy Attorney General  
Director, FBI

December 14, 1950

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SPECIAL INQUIRY -  
ALLEGATION OF MEMBERSHIP  
IN THE JOHN REED CLUB

Reference is made to my memoranda of December 11, 12, and 13, 1950, furnishing you with information concerning the above-captioned matter.

I am enclosing copies of the reports of Special Agent James P. Martin, dated December 12 and 13, 1950, at New York, New York, for your information.

The investigation is continuing, and additional information will be furnished to you as it is received.

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I am enclosing copies of the following reports for your information:

Report of Special Agent J. Philip Kechenderfer dated December 12, 1950 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Report of Special Agent Francis X. Jahn dated December 13, 1950 at Baltimore, Maryland.

Report of Special Agent Harold J. Senter dated December 12, 1950 at Cleveland, Ohio.

Report of Special Agent James P. Martin dated December 14, 1950 at New York, New York.

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Reference is made to my previous memoranda concerning the above matter, the most recent being December 18, 1950.

In order to bring you up-to-date concerning this investigation, I am enclosing a copy of a letter to the Honorable Donald S. Dawson, of the White House, and also a copy of the following reports.

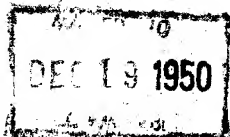
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Report of Special Agent Hugo P. Blandori, dated December 15, 1950 at New Haven, Connecticut.

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Honorable Donald S. Dawson  
Administrative Assistant to the President  
The White House  
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My dear Mr. Dawson:

Reference is made to previous reports  
furnished you concerning Anna Marie Rosenberg and to  
my letters dated December 11, 12, and 13, 1950,  
setting forth additional data based on teletype  
summaries.

I am enclosing the reports of Special Agent  
James P. Martin, dated December 12 and December 13,  
1950, at New York, New York, for your information.

The investigation in this matter is con-  
tinuing, and additional information will be furnished  
to you as it is received.

With assurances of my highest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Honorable Donald S. Dawson  
Administrative Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Dawson:

Reference is made to previous reports furnished you concerning Anna Marie Rosenberg and to my letters dated December 11, 12, 13 and 14, 1950.

I am enclosing copies of the following reports:

Report of Special Agent J. Philip Kochenderfer dated December 12, 1950 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Report of Special Agent Francis X. Jann dated December 13, 1950 at Baltimore, Maryland.

Report of Special Agent Harold J. Benter dated December 13, 1950 at Cleveland, Ohio.

Report of Special Agent James P. Martin dated December 14, 1950 at New York, New York.

The investigation in this matter is continuing and additional reports will be furnished to you as they are received.

With assurances of my highest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. A. W. Knapc  
1543 West Washington  
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Knapc:

Thank you for your interest in writing me  
your recent letter. You may be assured that the  
information you have furnished will receive appropriate  
attention.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

NOTE: Mrs. Knapc refers to an Anna Rosenberg who lived  
in Russia in the late twenties and early thirties.  
Anna M. Rosenberg resided in the U. S. during this  
period. Indices negative on Mrs. A. W. Knapc.

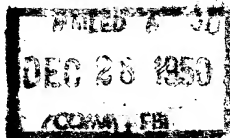
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Mr. Edgar J. Hoover

Anna Rosenberg

In regards to this Mrs Anna Rosenberg  
I have a girl friend who is Finnish  
decient and has lived in Russia, and  
she is almost sure that this Mrs Rosenberg  
lived in Russia in the late Twenties &  
early Thirties and the way I understand  
it she was a small girl between 10 and 15  
yo I think and seems as she worked for the  
Mrs Rosenberg. This girl interperated them  
when they were renewing their visa to stay  
two years longer in Russia and has to be  
their names are Russell and Charles  
who at that time were very small boys  
This friend of mine is a good American  
Borned and raised in this country her  
parents went and started to Finland and got  
into Russia somehow in the late 20's or  
early 30's and I do believe there is something  
to this story. and if it be true this woman  
was schooling her children and her self for  
Communist Purposes. This lady friend is apt  
to say any thing about this for she  
to get mixed up and I am taking this story  
to pass on to you this information for  
have this investigated on the same without  
any one.

Thank you very much

I trust this won't involve anyone till I  
hear from you

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cc: Mr. Ladd  
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Mr. Peyton Ford  
Deputy Attorney General

December 21, 1950

Director, FBI

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG  
SPECIAL INQUIRY  
ALLEGATION OF MEMBERSHIP IN  
THE JOHN REED CLUB

Reference is made to my previous memoranda, the most recent being dated December 19, 1950, furnishing you with reports and information concerning the above-captioned matter.

For your information I am enclosing copies of the following reports:

Report of Special Agent Alexander L. Gucker, dated December 18, 1950 at Albany, New York.

Reports of Special Agent James P. Martin, dated December 18 and 19, 1950 at New York, New York.

Additional reports will be furnished to you as they are received.

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VIA LIAISON

Honorable Donald S. Dawson  
Administrative Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Dawson:

Reference is made to previous reports  
furnished you concerning Anna Marie Rosenberg, and to  
my letters dated December 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15, 1950.

For your information, I am enclosing copies  
of the following reports:

Report of Special Agent J. Richard Butts dated  
December 14, 1950, at Miami, Florida.

Report of Special Agent James F. Martin dated  
December 15, 1950, at New York.

Additional reports concerning this matter  
will be furnished to you upon their receipt.

With assurances of my highest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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VIA LIAISON

Honorable George C. Marshall  
Secretary of Defense  
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

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December 13, 1950

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Honorable George C. Marshall  
Secretary of Defense  
Washington 25, D. C.

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My dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to previous reports furnished you concerning Anna Maria Rosenberg and to my letters dated December 11 and 12, 1950, setting forth additional data based on teletype summaries.

In order to give you the benefit of up-to-date information concerning the investigation the following is being set forth that has been received by teletype from our New York Office. Edward Dahlberg, book reviewer for "The Freeman," has advised that he was a member of the John Reed Club for eight or nine months in 1930 or 1931, but stated that he does not recall anyone named Rosenberg as a member of the club. He was unable to identify Anna M. Rosenberg from photographs as any person he had ever seen at club meetings. Dahlberg stated that he has heard of Anna M. Rosenberg but does not believe he has ever met her and does not recall ever having heard that she was a member of the Communist Party or any Communist organizations. He said that he severed all Communist connections in 1932 or 1933 and has been anti-Communist since that time. You will recall that [redacted] alleged that Magraw had pointed Dahlberg out to him at a John Reed Club meeting as being a prominent member in the Communist Party.

Our Philadelphia Division has advised by teletype that Mrs. Daniel Magrin, also known as Helen Tamaris, stated upon interview that she had no knowledge of Anna Rosenberg or the John Reed Club. You will recall that DeSola alleged that Helen Tamaris had been a member of the John Reed Club.

Our Philadelphia Office also advised that Jerry Mangione admitted attending meetings of the John Reed Club in 1932 but stated that he did not know Anna M. Rosenberg and did not recognize her photograph. Mangione you will recall was mentioned by DeSola as a member of the John Reed Club.

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Our Baltimore Office has advised by teletype that Mrs. Whittaker Chambers stated that Anna M. Rosenberg is completely unknown to her and that she does not recall knowing any individual by the name of Anna M. Rosenberg in the John Reed Club. She recalled that in the early 1930's, when she was going by the name Esther Shemitz, that her name appeared in the New York Times in a list of John Reed Club members but she stated that her name was included in that list without her consent. Mrs. Chambers said that she dropped out of the John Reed Club in about 1931 and had no further contact with it.

An allegation was received that a Father Gregory of Kent College in Ohio had indicated that he knew Anna Rosenberg's antecedents and that one relative of Anna Rosenberg is now supposed to be the head of the secret police in Hungary. Our Cleveland Office has advised that Father George Gregory Berrinec, Pastor, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Greek Catholic Church, Akron, Ohio, and visiting professor of the Russian language, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, stated that in about 1948, he received correspondence from one Dr. Jenő Bajsa, a Priest of the Catholic Church in Budapest Hungary. In this correspondence he said Bajsa mentioned that one Ben Rosenberg was named as a first secretary to Premier Matyas Rakosi of Hungary. Father Berrinec said that he had noticed in recent newspaper articles that the birthplace of Anna M. Rosenberg was Budapest, Hungary, and therefore assumed it was possible that she was a distant relative of Ben Rosenberg mentioned above.

Detailed reports concerning the information set forth above, that is based on teletype summaries, will be furnished to you immediately upon receipt. The investigation in this matter is continuing, and additional information will be furnished to you as it is received.

With assurances of my highest regards,

Sincerely yours,



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: DECEMBER 22, 1950

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NO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION DESIRED AT THIS TIME. ALL OFFICES SURREP AT ONCE ON INVESTI  
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cc: Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Lynch  
Mr. Pitzer

December 21, 1950

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~  
VIA LIAISON

Honorable George C. Marshall  
Secretary of Defense  
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to previous reports  
furnished you concerning Anna Marie Rosenberg, and  
to my most recent letter dated December 19, 1950.

For your information, I am enclosing  
copies of the following reports:

Report of Special Agent Alexander L. Gucker,  
dated December 18, 1950, at Albany, New York.

Reports of Special Agent James P. Martin,  
dated December 18 and 19, 1950 at New York,  
New York.

Additional reports in this matter will be  
furnished to you upon their receipt.

With assurances of my highest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Honorable George C. Marshall  
Secretary of Defense  
Washington 25, D. C.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
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DATE 1/17/79 *Chas LP*

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to previous reports furnished you concerning Anna Marie Rosenberg, and to my most recent letter dated December 18, 1950, pertaining to this matter.

In order to bring you up to date concerning the investigation of Mrs. Rosenberg, I thought you would like to have the benefit of the most recent information just received by teletype from our New York office.

Professor Horace Gregory, who was alleged to have been a member of the John Reed Club and whose name also appeared in the May 19, 1930, issue of the "New York Times" as a signer of a John Reed Club petition, has been located.

Gregory advised that he had known an Anna Rosenberg in the early 1930's who subsequently married one Isidore Klein. He said that he had been one of the original members of the John Reed Club and that Isidore Klein had also been a member. Gregory said that he had also heard that this Anna Rosenberg, now Mrs. Klein, had also been associated with the John Reed Club.

Mrs. Isidore Klein was located in New York and has advised that her maiden name was Anna Rosenberg. She said that she was an artist and had used her maiden name in her art work. She also stated that she had been previously married in 1924 and was divorced about 1931 and

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married Isidore Klein August 2, 1932. Mrs. Klein stated that both she and Isidore Klein were associated with the John Reed Club from shortly after the time it was organized, which was about 1930, until the end of 1934, at which time she moved to California and remained there until 1940. Mrs. Klein said she was known at the John Reed Club as Mrs. Field, the name of her first husband, as Mrs. Klein, and also as Anna Rosenberg.

Mrs. Klein advised that she does not recall signing any petition in 1930 as a member of the John Reed Club, but said that she very well may have done so.

With respect to the petition aforementioned, the name "I. Klein" also appeared thereon. Isidore Klein advised that in 1930 he was accustomed to signing his name "I. Klein". However, he said that he cannot recall signing instant petition, but said that he may have done so.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Klein advised that they knew of no other Anna Rosenberg who was ever associated with the John Reed Club, and Mrs. Klein stated that she does not recall ever knowing or meeting Ralph DeSola or James McGraw.

A photograph of Mrs. Klein taken about 1931 was obtained and was displayed to Ralph DeSola and James McGraw without advising them of the identity of the person. Both McGraw and DeSola advised that they did not recognize this photograph as anyone whom they knew.

I am also enclosing for your information copies of the following reports: Report of Special Agent Hugo P. Blander dated 12-16-50 at New Haven, Connecticut; Report of Special Agent Joseph P. Benson dated 12-16-50 at Albany, New York.

Additional reports pertaining to this matter will be furnished to you immediately upon their receipt.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards.

Sincerely,

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: December 19, 1950

FROM : *sl* A. Rosen

SUBJECT: ANNA M. ROSENBERG  
 Special Inquiry Efforts to  
 Identify Anna Rosenberg Who  
 Was a Member of John Reed Club  
 Time of Call: 12:45 PM - ASAC Whalen

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## PURPOSE:

To advise that [ ] and James McGraw upon being shown the photograph and sketch of Mrs. Klein (formerly Anna Rosenberg) stated that they did not recognize her.

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## BACKGROUND:

(Refer memo Rosen to Ladd December 18, 1950) Yesterday Mrs. Isadora Klein advised Agents of the New York Office that she as Anna Rosenberg or Mrs. Field had been associated with the John Reed Club shortly after its founding in 1934. She furnished a photograph and a sketch of herself both of which were made about 1931. The Agents displayed the photograph and the sketch to [ ] and James McGraw and they both said that they did not recognize her. They were not told who she was.

ACTION: None. This is merely for information.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

FROM : A. Rose

SUBJECT: ANNA M. ROSENBERG  
Special Inquiry Efforts to  
Identify Anna Rosenberg Who  
Was a Member of John Reed Club  
Time of Call: 9:45 PM

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## PURPOSE:

To advise you that the New York Office has located and interviewed an individual who was known as Anna Rosenberg and was a member of the John Reed Club in the early 30's.

## BACKGROUND:

As you will recall, extensive efforts have been made to locate the Anna Rosenberg who was a member of the John Reed Club, New York City in the early 30's. This individual who was a member of the John Reed Club had signed a petition which had been published in the New York Times.

## DETAILS:

SA James P. Martin telephonically contacted the writer and gave the following information:

On December 18, SAs James P. Martin and Elmer Roth of the New York Division interviewed Professor Horace Gregory, who had been a member of the John Reed Club in the early 1930's. Professor Gregory advised that he had known an Anna Rosenberg to be associated with the John Reed Club in the early 30's. Gregory stated he also knew one Isidore Klein to have been a member of this club in approximately 1930. The Anna Rosenberg who was known to Professor Gregory married Isidore Klein and, according to Gregory, at the present time are residing at 4832 38th Street, Long Island, New York City. Professor Gregory pointed out

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cc - Mr. Callan  
Mr. Pitzer

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that he had heard from Joe Freeman a few years ago that Anna Rosenberg, now Mrs. Isidore Klein, had been associated with the John Reed Club. Gregory also said that Isidore Klein told him a few years ago that Isidore Klein's wife, formerly Anna Rosenberg, had been associated with the John Reed Club in the early 1930's.

On December 18, 1950, SAs Elmer Roth and Thomas E. O'Brien interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Klein at 4832 38th Street, New York City. Mrs. Klein advised that her maiden name was Anna Rosenberg. She stated that she was an artist and had used her maiden name in her art work. In 1924 or 1925 she married Frederic Field (this Frederic Field was not further identified). She divorced Field in about 1931.

Subsequently she married Isidore Klein on August 2, 1932. She pointed out that she and Isidore Klein had been associated with the John Reed Club from shortly after its founding until 1934, when she moved to California. She remained in California until 1940. During her association with this club, she was known variously as Mrs Field and Anna Rosenberg.

Mrs. Klein stated she did not recall signing any petition in 1930 as a member of the John Reed Club, but may well have signed such a petition.

It is to be noted that the name I. Klein appeared on the same John Reed Club petition mentioned above. Isidore Klein stated that he signed his name in the above manner at the time of his association with the John Reed Club but that he can not recall having signed any petition.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Klein stated that they did not know of any other Anna Rosenberg who was associated with the John Reed Club.

Mrs. Klein said she does not recall ever knowing or meeting Ralph De Sola or James McGraw. She stated that she does not personally know Anna M. Rosenberg.

Mrs. Klein furnished a photograph of herself which was taken in 1931 and also a sketch of herself which was drawn by Isidore Klein in about 1931. She furnished both of the above items on the condition that this Bureau maintain sole custody of them at all times. She did not want them to be furnished to any Congressional Committee or to any other Government Agency.

SA Martin advised that Mrs. Klein would be reinterviewed on December 19. He also stated that on the afternoon of December 19 the photograph of Mrs. Klein would be shown to Ralph De Sola for possible identification unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau.



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Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg  
Assistant Secretary of Defense  
The Pentagon  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Rosenberg:

I regret I was not in the office but was in travel status when you called as I would have enjoyed talking with you.

I can thoroughly understand the pressure which you have been under during the past few days and you may rest assured, while we have endeavored to discharge our responsibilities in the most expeditious manner, we were merely doing our duty in carrying out the assignments as we endeavor to do on a day to day basis.

I do wish for you every success in your undertaking and if at any time I can be of service I hope you will not hesitate to call upon us.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

(S) J. Edgar Hoover  
Mailed by the Director

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date December 12, 1950 Time 3:25 am

Mrs. Anna Rosenberg tele.

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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She said tell Mr. Hoover there was nothing special about her call to him except that she wanted to express to him her gratitude. She said she has never seen anything so wonderful as the job his men have done.

She was told Mr. Hoover will be very happy to hear this.

She said she had gotten General Marshall's permission to call and say this - and she has told some of the New York Newspapers who have called and asked her how things were going that she just wishes people would know the magnificent job they (the Bureau) have done. She said please tell Mr. Hoover this is all she called him for.

She was thanked for the Director and was told if she should wish to speak with Mr. Hoover personally he will be glad to get the message to him.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Date December 12 1950 Time 1:02 PM

Mrs. Anna Rosenberg tele. thru  
Secretary, locally

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When advised of the Director's absence Mrs. Rosenberg asked if either Mr. Ladd or Mr. Tolson were in. After checking, and advising her that neither were here, it was suggested that she speak with Mr. Nichols. She declined to speak with Mr. Nichols and stated that she merely wanted to thank Mr. Hoover and would call again at a later date.

Mrs. Rosenberg was assured that Mr. Hoover would be advised of her call.

CC: Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols

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Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Date December 12, 1950 Time 4:25PM

General George Marshall  
tele through Secretary

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

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When advised of the Director's absence  
from the city, the General consented to  
speak to the Acting Director and was  
therefore referred to Mr. Ladd.

Mr. Ladd's office advises that the  
General was calling to thank the Bureau  
for the Bureau's cooperation in the  
Anna Rosenberg case.

CC: Mr. Ladd

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VIA LIAISON

Honorable Donald S. Dawson  
Administrative Assistant  
to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Dawson:

Reference is made to previous reports furnished you concerning Anna Marie Rosenberg and to my letter dated December 11, 1950, setting forth additional data based on teletype summaries.

For your further information I am enclosing the report of Special Agent James P. Martin, dated December 11, 1950, at New York, New York, reflecting additional investigation concerning instant matter.

In order to give you the benefit of up-to-date information, the following has been received by teletype from our New York Office since the submission of the above-mentioned report.

Records of the Board of Election for New York County reflect James Magraw registered as a Communist from 826 Greenwich Street, New York City, in 1936 and as a member of the American Labor Party from 1942 to 1949 inclusive.

James Magraw was reinterviewed on December 11, 1950, and at the outset denied ever registering as a Communist, but after being confronted with the information contained in the election records admitted that he had registered as a Communist at that time and stated that he had believed in some of the principles of the Communist Party and had intended to vote for some of their candidates in 1936. He again categorically denied membership in the Communist Party and, especially, in the Water-Front Section of the Communist Party. He also denied having taken DeSola to a Communist Party meeting on Hudson Street or having signed a Communist Party application. He also denied attendance at a Marxist Study Club at the home of the Bradleys Cutlers, but stated that it was possible that he had met DeSola before his employment on the Federal Writer's Project and that such meeting was possibly at the home of the Cutlers.

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Magraw said that he could not recall Helen Winner DeSola other than being [ ] and could offer no explanation for her allegation that he was a member of the Communist Party.

With reference to the magazine "Direction," Magraw advised that he was unable to recall such a magazine but stated it could have existed. He also advised that the "Rank and File Federationist," with which DeSola had alleged Magraw was associated, had an office at 1 Union Square, New York City, and that he had been employed as editor for about six months in 1933 or 1934. He said that it was the official organ of a group known as the Rank and File Group of the American Federation of Labor for Unemployment Insurance or some similar title. Magraw stated that he had no knowledge that this publication or group was controlled or influenced by or sympathetic to the Communist Party.

In conclusion Magraw advised that he would stand by his signed statement of December 8, 1950, even under oath, and would reiterate his denial of any acquaintance with Anna M. Rosenberg, and restated his belief that [ ] was acting solely for publicity purposes.

With reference to an allegation that J. B. Matthews had stated that he had received information from a former FBI Agent by the name of Kirkpatrick to the effect that an informant by the name of [ ] had told him that [ ] Anna Rosenberg in 1937 or 1938, it was alleged that [ ] had been an informant of the FBI and had been contacted by Kirkpatrick when he was an Agent of the FBI. Concerning the above allegation, our New York Division has advised by teletype that its files fail to reflect any mention of anyone named Rosenberg by [ ] to any FBI Agent. These files also reflect that former Agent Kirkpatrick contacted [ ] in August, 1946, which was subsequent to Kirkpatrick's resignation from the Bureau on November 9, 1945.

Our Indianapolis Division has advised by teletype that [ ] has advised that [ ]

[ ] and sometime during this period told Kirkpatrick that Mrs. Rosenberg, as Labor Relations Consultant for R. H. Macy Company, was conveying information to Local 18 through a New York law firm. According to



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[ ] Local 15 was at that time heavily infiltrated by the Communist Party. [ ] stated that he has never seen Mrs. Rosenberg personally and that he was not in New York in 1937 or 1938.

Our Washington Field Division has advised by teletype that an examination of the WPA personnel file of Gerrie Johns did not disclose any correspondence between Anna Rosenberg and Henry Alsberg. Likewise, WPA investigative files under the names Anna Rosenberg, Gerrie Johns, and Henry Alsberg did not reflect any such correspondence.

Detailed reports concerning the information set forth above, which is based on teletype summaries, will be furnished to you immediately upon receipt. The investigation in this matter is continuing, and additional information will be furnished to you as it is received.

With assurances of my highest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure

December 11, 1950

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VIA LIAISON

Honorable George C. Marshall  
Secretary of Defense  
Washington 25, D. C.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP (S) OF *Attaches 4*  
DATE *12/17/50*

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to previous reports furnished you concerning Anna Marie Rosenberg on December 7 and December 10, 1950.

For your further information, the following information has been received from our New York Office by teletype today.

Helen Wiener DeSola was reinterviewed on December 10, 1950, and advised that she has no knowledge of Anna M. Rosenberg other than previously furnished. She said that [redacted] would not knowingly lie and is an extremely zealous anti-Communist. She further advised that James Magraw was definitely a Communist Party member while on the Writer's Project of the WPA and that she, in company with [redacted] attended Communist Party unit meetings of top supervisors of the Writer's Project of the WPA. She said that this Magraw had been the right-hand man to Henry Alsberg, but that Alsberg was not a Communist Party member to her knowledge.

[redacted] on reinterview December 10, 1950, advised that he had attended Marxist study groups at the home of [redacted] in New York City when James Magraw was present. He said this took place prior to his joining the Communist Party or his starting work at [redacted]. He further said that after Magraw [redacted]

[redacted] of which section Magraw was then a member. [redacted] said that shortly thereafter he was told to [redacted] of the Communist Party and he [redacted]. He also advised that Magraw was on the Writer's Project of the WPA under fire as a Communist at the time of the Woodrum Congressional Committee investigation of this project in about 1938.

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[ ] also advised that he recalled another Anna Rosenberg who was a former clerk-typist of the WPA, and recalled that a book had been given to one Edward K. Banta by Communist Party employees of the WPA, and these employees had autographed this book for [ ]. He said he recalled that one of the signers was Anna Rosenberg, but that this person was not identical with instant Anna M. Rosenberg. He advised that Anna Rosenberg, the clerk-typist, was recruited into the Communist Party after she started work at the Writer's Project in about 1936. He said that the Anna Rosenberg, clerk-typist, is definitely not the Anna Rosenberg whom he saw at John Reed Club meetings. He also advised that he knew no other Anna Rosenbergs.

[ ] concluded by stating that after seeing and talking to Anna M. Rosenberg at the Armed Services Committee meeting, he is, if possible, more certain that she is the individual he met at the John Reed Club.

The above information is based on teletype summaries, and detailed reports concerning this information will be furnished to you immediately upon receipt. The investigation in this matter is continuing, and additional information will be furnished to you as it is received.

With assurances of my highest regards,

Sincerely yours,

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson */m*

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

DATE: December 19, 1950

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Mr. David Niles called the Director's office and was referred to Holloman. When advised that the Director was out of town, he stated he merely wanted to talk to the Director personally and advise him that Anna Rosenberg had just left his office and that she was most profuse in her praise of the FBI in connection with her recent difficulties. Mr. Niles stated that Mrs. Rosenberg gave complete credit to the FBI for a wonderful job done in presenting true facts concerning her. He asked that this message be sent to the Director as he knew the Director would appreciate the comments of Mrs. Rosenberg and her complimentary remarks.

Mr. Niles was assured that his message would be brought to the personal attention of the Director.

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cc: Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Roach  
Mr. Pitzer

December 21, 1950

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VIA LIAISON

Honorable Donald S. Dawson  
Administrative Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Dawson:

Reference is made to previous reports  
furnished you concerning Anna Marie Rosenberg, and to  
my most recent letter dated December 19, 1950.

For your information, I am enclosing copies  
of the following reports:

Report of Special Agent Alexander L. Gucker,  
dated December 18, 1950, at Albany, New York.

Reports of Special Agent James P. Martin dated  
December 18 and 19, 1950, at New York, New York.

Additional reports concerning this matter  
will be furnished to you upon their receipt.

With assurances of my highest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG

DATE: December 16, 1950

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Miss Eckhoff of Anna Rosenberg's office contacted Mr. Lynch of the Liaison Section on December 15, and stated that Mrs. Rosenberg desired the following message delivered to the Bureau.

Mrs. Rosenberg had seen Admiral Souers, Advisor to the President, and informed him of her gratefulness for the Bureau's investigation concerning the individuals who appeared before the Armed Services Committee. Mrs. Rosenberg desired that Admiral Souers call this to the President's attention, and Admiral Souers stated that he would do so immediately.

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Mr. Pitzer

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VIA LIAISON

Honorable Donald S. Dawson  
Administrative Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Mr. Dawson:

Reference is made to previous reports furnished you concerning Anna Marie Rosenberg, and to my most recent letter dated December 18, 1950 pertaining to this matter.

In order to bring you up-to-date concerning the investigation of Mrs. Rosenberg, I thought you would like to have the benefit of the most recent information just received by teletype from our New York office.

Professor Horace Gregory, who was alleged to have been a member of the John Reed Club and whose name also appeared in the May 19, 1930 issue of the "New York Times" as a signer of a John Reed Club petition, has been located.

Gregory advised that he had known an Anna Rosenberg in the early nineteen thirties who subsequently married one Isidore Klein. He said that he had been one of the original members of the John Reed Club and that Isidore Klein had also been a member. Gregory said that he had also heard that this Anna Rosenberg, now Mrs. Klein, had also been associated with the John Reed Club.

Mrs. Isidore Klein was located in New York and has advised that her maiden name was Anna Rosenberg. She said that she was an artist and had used her maiden name in her art work. She stated that she had been previously married in 1924 or 1925 and was divorced in about 1931 and then married Isidore Klein on August 2, 1932.

Mrs. Klein advised that she and Isidore Klein had been associated with the John Reed Club from shortly after the time it was organized in about 1930 until the

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end of 1934 at which time she moved to California where she resided until 1940. She advised that she had been known at the John Reed Club as Mrs. Field, the name of her first husband, as Mrs. Klein, and also as Anna Rosenberg. Mrs. Klein said that she does not recall signing any petition in 1930 as a member of the John Reed Club but that she may have done so.

With respect to the aforementioned petition, the name of "I. Klein" also appeared thereon. Mr. Isidore Klein advised that in 1930 he was accustomed to signing his name "I. Klein." He said that he cannot recall having signed instant petition but that he might have done so.

Both of the Kleins said that they knew of no other Anna Rosenberg who was ever associated with the John Reed Club. Mrs. Klein advised that she does not recall ever knowing or meeting [redacted] or James McGraw. b7D

A photograph of Mrs. Klein taken in about 1930 was obtained and was displayed to [redacted] and James McGraw.

Neither of these persons recognized this photograph as being of any person known to them. They were not advised as to the identity of the photograph.

I am also enclosing for your information, copies of the following reports:

Report of Special Agent Joseph P. Benson, dated December 16, 1950 at Albany, New York.

Report of Special Agent Hugo P. Blandori, dated December 16, 1950 at New Haven, Connecticut.

Additional reports pertaining to this matter will be furnished you immediately upon their receipt.

With assurances of my highest regards,

Sincerely,

*[Signature]*

cc: Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Callan  
Mr. Pitzer

December 29, 1950

Mr. Peyton Ford  
Deputy Attorney General  
Director, FBI

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG  
SPECIAL INQUIRY  
ALLEGATION OF MEMBERSHIP IN  
THE JOHN REED CLUB

Reference is made to my previous memoranda, the most recent being dated December 21, 1950, furnishing you with reports and information concerning the above-captioned matter.

For the completion of your files I am enclosing copies of the following reports:

Report of Special Agent Spencer H. Robb, dated December 19, 1950, at Mobile, Alabama.

Report of Special Agent James P. Martin, dated December 20, 1950, at New York, New York.

Report of Special Agent Joseph Hyble, dated December 18, 1950, at Detroit, Michigan.

Report of Special Agent Edward H. Keblusek, dated December 19, 1950, at Atlanta, Georgia.

Report of Special Agent Robert T. McIver, dated December 18, 1950, at Kansas City, Missouri.

Report of Special Agent Thomas F. McLaughlin, dated December 22, 1950, at Boston, Massachusetts.

Report of Special Agent Raymond J. Gorham, dated December 22, 1950, at Newark, New Jersey.

Report of Special Agent James P. Martin, dated December 22, 1950, at New York, New York.

Report of Special Agent Daniel McGillicuddy, dated December 26, 1950, at Washington, D. C.

Report of Special Agent Howard A. King dated December 22, 1950, at Indianapolis, Indiana.

No further investigation concerning this matter is contemplated

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *ALW*

DATE: December 29, 1950

FROM: *Rosen* Mr. RosenSUBJECT: ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG  
SPECIAL INQUIRY  
ALLEGATION OF MEMBERSHIP IN  
THE JOHN REED CLUB

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
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Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Pursuant to the recommendation in my memorandum dated December 27, 1950, there are attached letters to General George C. Marshall, Donald S. Dawson and a memorandum to Peyton Ford, transmitting copies of the remaining reports in this case.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached correspondence be approved, advising the above persons that no further investigation concerning this matter is contemplated by the Bureau. *27*

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Memorandum to Mr. Ladd

December 9, 1950

This memorandum sets forth information received from Ed Nellor to the effect that he had been advised that Marjorie Shearon, an individual associated with anti-Communists and anti-socialized medicine, had a great deal of information concerning Anna Rosenberg. Shearon allegedly has the reputation of being a gossip and full of indefinite, vague, and general accusations. It is felt that the Bureau should not seek her out, but that if she has anything to say she should come directly to us with it.

Recommendations

That the attached teletype to New York and Omaha advising not to interview Lechay be approved.

Also, that the attached teletype to New York be approved advising that office to interview the petition signers on a selective and representative basis and to not interview Odetts.

It is also recommended that no action be taken at this time with respect to the Shearon woman.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen  
 FROM : Mr. Callan  
 SUBJECT: ANNA M. ROSENBERG  
 SPECIAL INQUIRY

DATE: December 8, 1950

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Reference is made to the attached teletype from Baltimore to the Bureau and the New York Office dated December 7, 1950. This teletype reflects an interview by the Baltimore Office with Whitaker Chambers concerning whether or not he knew Anna Rosenberg or had any information to offer concerning her.

It is noted that Chambers did not possess any pertinent information but suggested that Max Yergan, Grace Lumpkin and Ralph DeToledano might be sources of information concerning membership in the John Reed Club and whether or not Mrs. Rosenberg was a member.

At approximately 11:45 A.M., this morning ASAC Whalen called Mr. Callan in your absence and suggested that the two newspapermen Nelson Frank and Fred Woltman might possibly possess some information concerning Anna Rosenberg and very probably would be able to furnish information about the John Reed Club and its membership. Mr. Whalen pointed out that we interviewed both of those people in connection with the Alger Hiss case. He also pointed out that the Rosenberg matter had been fully reported in the public press and there did not appear to be any need for secrecy on the part of the Bureau in investigating this matter at this time.

Mr. Whalen inquired as to whether the Bureau would desire the New York Office to interview Frank and Woltman and whether we would have any objection to their interviewing them. He was informed by Mr. Callan to take no action in this regard until he received further advice from the Bureau.

It is true that the individuals above mentioned might possess information concerning the John Reed Club and some of them may know Anna Rosenberg but there would be hundreds of individuals in these categories, namely they either knew Anna Rosenberg or possessed some knowledge concerning the John Reed Clubs and there does not appear to be any reason to single these particular people out for interview. It is to be noted that Chambers merely suggested

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those he referred to and Frank and Woltman were merely mentioned because they have written extensively about the Communist Party and Communist front groups. Certainly if there were any definite indication that these individuals or any other individuals had information to offer proving one way or the other that Anna Rosenberg was connected with the John Reed Club of the Communist Party, they should be interviewed but we do not have any information along that line with reference to the people above listed and there would, therefore, seem to be no reason why the New York Office should interview them at least at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

For reasons above stated, it is recommended that the attached teletype go forward to New York advising them not to interview the individuals above mentioned at this time.

*OK 1/3 JH*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

FROM : Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

DATE: December 9, 1950

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Re New York tels dated December 8 and 9, 1950, requesting advice concerning the interview of James Lechay, the signers of the John Reed Club petition in 1930, and Clifford Odetts. These teletypes are attached.

Briefly, Lechay is now a professor of art at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa. He is alleged to have a pro-Communist attitude and as late as August 19, 1950, an article in the "Daily Worker" mentioned Lechay as a signer of a statement urging settlement of the Korean fighting by negotiation with Korean Communists. In addition, [ ] has indicated that Lechay was a Communist Party member and a member of the John Reed Club. There is no allegation that he knew Anna Rosenberg, and it is felt that no useful purpose but only grief could come of this interview.

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Concerning Clifford Odetts, there is also no reason to believe that he would know Rosenberg, as there has been no allegation to that effect and hence there is no foreseeable advantage in this interview.

With reference to the signers of the aforementioned petition, it is believed that they should be interviewed on a selective and representative basis, to be determined by information in the New York files indicating possible knowledge of Anna Rosenberg, and also by reason of their availability to the New York Office. Since the name of one Anna Rosenberg did appear in this list, it is possible that some of these other signers could throw some light on this question of identity.

Reference also Mr. Nichols' memorandum to Mr. Tolson dated December 8, 1950, which is attached.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/18/50</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/15, 16/50</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JOSEPH HYBLE</b> <span style="float: right;">ALK</span>
TITLE <b>ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

JOSEPH ZACK KORNFEDER advised he does not know ANNA M. ROSENBERG, any other ANNA ROSENBERG, [REDACTED] JAMES McGRAW or any members of the John Reed Club. He suggested JAY LOVESTONE, LISTON OAKES, BURT WOLFE, LOUIS C. FRANA and BEN GITLOW as possible sources. NATHAN KAPLAN, with alias NAT GANLEY, Regional Director, CP, District 7 stated upon interview, "I don't know anything about it."

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**DETAILS:**

At Detroit, Michigan

JOSEPH ZACK KORNFEDER advised that he had never been a member of the John Reed Club, but had associated with "intellectuals" who were either members or associated with members of the club in New York. He stated he does not know [REDACTED] ANNA M. ROSENBERG or any other ANNA ROSENBERG, or a JAMES McGRAW. He also stated that he had never attended meetings of the John Reed Club nor did he know any of its membership.

According to KORNFEDER, the following individuals were closely associated with the "intellectuals" who may have been members of, or affiliated with the John Reed Club during that period:

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~~JAY LOVESTONE~~  
~~BEN GITLOW~~  
and ~~LOUIS C. FRANA~~.

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~~NATHAN KAPLAN~~, with alias ~~NATHANLEY~~, 3240 Blaine Street, Detroit, Regional Director, Communist Party, District 7 and Public Relations Representative of the District in the absence of Chairman ~~CARL WINTER~~, upon interview by the Reporting Agent and SA JAMES PAXTON stated, "I don't know anything about it."

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The following detailed data regarding the interview of NATHAN KAPLAN, with alias NAT GANLEY, is being set out in the event that the CP attempts to "color" the handling of the interview or castigate the Bureau in its Communist publications. 4

The Interviewing Agents on December 16, 1950 arrived at KAPLAN's residence, 3240 Blaine Street at 9:10 A.M. whereupon a girl of about ten or twelve years of age came to the door and asked what we wanted without opening the door. She was told that we would like to speak to Mr. GANLEY. She replied that he was sleeping and turned to go upstairs after which GANLEY appeared in bathrobe, pajamas and slippers and came out on the porch, closing the door behind him. 4

After the Agents properly identified themselves he was informed that they did not want to keep him out in the cold whereupon he stated, "That's all right, we'll talk out here." It was explained that in the Congressional hearing concerning one ANNA M. ROSENBERG, allegations were made before a Congressional Committee which had been reported in the press and he was asked if he was aware of the matter and he nodded in assent. 4

He was advised that one [ ] stated that he, GANLEY, was associated with the John Reed Club in the middle 1930's in New York, around 1934. GANLEY was asked whether he knew ANNA M. ROSENBERG and whether she was associated with the John Reed Club, to which he nodded a slight negative nod of the head. He was then asked whether he knew any ANNA ROSENBERG connected with the John Reed Club. GANLEY replied, "I don't know anything about it." He was asked if he knew a JAMES MCGRAW in the same organization and stated, "No." 4

It was quite obvious from the trend of the interview that GANLEY weighed his answers very well and although not brisk in his replies conveyed the impression that even if he did know anything about this affair he would not divulge the information to Bureau Agents. The interview terminated at 9:16 A.M.. 4

Confidential Informant [ ] on December 16, 1950 advised that at 10:24 A.M. BILL ALBERTSON, Trade Union Secretary and Regional Director, CP, District 7, contacted NAT GANLEY and after a brief discussion of double talk concerning Party activities GANLEY asked, "Have there been any visits around (u)

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from our initial guys? I had two FBI Agents visit me a while ago. They wanted some very pertinent information. They named some innocuous names and wanted to know if I knew these people; that they testified they were members of a John Reed Club in New York; that they knew ANNA ROSENBERG as a member of that club." The Informant stated that ALBERTSON's reaction to this was a low chuckle and said that he would like to see GANLEY at GANLEY's residence that day. ~~X~~(u)

It is not known whether the New York Office had requested contacts with individuals noted in un-numbered SAC letter dated May 4, 1950, espionage and internal security investigations (full utilization of confidential informants and sources of information.) Accordingly, no leads were set out to interview LISTON OAKES, BURT WOLFE, JAY LOVESTONE, BEN GITLOW or LOUIS C. FRANA. u

REFERENCE: New York teletypes to Detroit, December 13 and 14, 1950.  
Bureau teletype to Detroit, December 15, 1950.  
Detroit teletype to Bureau, December 16, 1950. u

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FILE NO. **77-1596**

REPORT MADE AT <b>ATLANTA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/19/50</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/15,16/50</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>EDWARD R. KEBLUSEK</b> <i>ege</i>
TITLE <i>allegation of alleged membership of</i> <b>ANNA M. ROSENBERG in the John Reed Club</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

FRANZ DANIEL, CIO Director for N. C., states he first met ROSENBERG socially in N. Y., in 1936. States again knew her socially during World War II. DANIEL never knew her to be member of the CP John Reed Club in N. Y. and states he never knew her to be sympathetic to CP or associated with the John Reed Club or its members in any way.

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**REFERENCE:**

Charlotte teletype to Director and Atlanta, 12/15/50.  
Atlanta teletype to Director and New York, 12/16/50.

**DETAILS:**

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent NICHOLAS J. PURCHIA and the writer:

**AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

On December 16, 1950, FRANZ DANIEL, CIO Director for North Carolina, was interviewed at the Hotel Atlantan, Atlanta, Georgia. DANIEL advised that he first met ANNA ROSENBERG in 1936 at a party in the apartment of SIDNEY HILLMAN, now deceased, in New York. DANIEL advised that he did not meet ANNA ROSENBERG again until the years during World War II, when he was a general organizer for the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, whose offices were in New York City. DANIEL went on to state that all of his contact with ROSENBERG was of a social nature and he stated that at no time did he ever come into contact with ROSENBERG

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on union affairs or on any other basis.

DANIEL went on to state that during the years 1930 to 1936 he was in and out of the City of New York as a labor organizer, and was also engaged in organization for the Socialist Party. DANIEL stated that he was a Socialist during these years and combated Communism openly in street battles in New York and in Philadelphia. He stated that the Communist Party had been trying to recruit unemployed workers into the Communist Party, but that the Socialist Party had been doing a much better job of it and therefore friction existed between the two over this issue.

DANIEL advised that during the 1930's he was acquainted with members of the John Reed Club but could not recall their names at the present time. He stated that at no time did he ever hear the name of ANNA ROSENBERG mentioned in connection with the John Reed Club in New York, nor had he ever heard that ROSENBERG had ever attended any of the John Reed Club meetings.

DANIEL stated that he was never a member of the John Reed Club personally due to his being a member of the Socialist Party. He stated that the friction between the Communist and Socialist Parties reached the point that a rival club, "Rebel Arts", was formed by the Socialist Party solely for the purpose of combating the membership of the John Reed Club and the Communist Party in general. At no time during his association with members of the John Reed Club and with Communists in general did he hear any mention of the name ANNA ROSENBERG.

DANIEL went on to state that one of the greatest boosters of ANNA ROSENBERG was DAVE DUBINSKY, President, ILGWU, in New York. He stated that DUBINSKY has been the closest friend of ANNA ROSENBERG for many years, and has always done all he could to help her. DANIEL advised that it is definitely known that DUBINSKY is a rabid anti-Communist and he doubts seriously whether DUBINSKY would ever have associated with ROSENBERG had she been ever in any way identified as associating

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with Communist Party members or active in Communist Party affairs.

DANIEL concluded by stating that he has never met as forceful and dynamic a personality as that of ANNA ROSENBERG. He stated that she was so individualistic that he thought it improbable that anyone would mistake her for another person of similar name. DANIEL stated that he made this observation due to his having read in the newspapers the fact that it was thought that a case of mistaken identity may have occurred.

DANIEL finally concluded his remarks by saying that he thought it was "sheer nonsense" to associate ROSENBERG with the Communist Party or for anyone to accuse her of any such associations. He stated that at no time during the period that he came into contact with members of the Communist Party or members of the John Reed Club did he ever hear the name of ANNA ROSENBERG mentioned as being a member of the club or sympathetic toward Communism. To his knowledge, DANIEL states he has never heard of ROSENBERG's attending any John Reed Club meetings.

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In connection with his work in the Socialist Party and the friction that existed between his party and the CP in Philadelphia, DANIEL advised that he had a criminal record in Philadelphia due to the fact that he participated in street battles there during the 1930's.

DANIEL advised that one J. B. MATTHEWS, who is thought to be conducting a private information bureau either in Washington, D. C. or New York, and who at one time was counsel for the Dies Committee, was well acquainted with the John Reed Club membership in New York in the 1930's and DANIEL feels that MATTHEWS may recall the names of these people. DANIEL stated that he believes he read in the newspapers recently that MATTHEWS had been testifying on behalf of ANNA ROSENBERG.



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd *sl*

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: ANNA M. ROSENBERG

DATE: December 12, 1950

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Reference is made to my memorandum indicating that I had informed Mr. Larkin of the Director's wish that we were going to attempt to clean this case up today in view of the fact that some of Anna Rosenberg's friends in New York were indicating that the Bureau was spearheading this attack against her.

Mr. Jerome Doyle, former FBI agent, and Mr. John G. Cahill, who were acting as advisors to Mrs. Rosenberg, stated that when the above message was conveyed to Anna Rosenberg she stated, "This is the most ridiculous thing I have ever heard and I want to call Mr. Hoover and tell him". Mr. Doyle also stated that General Marshall was going to call the Director and request the Director to have lunch with him in the next day or two. Mr. Doyle indicated it might be that General Marshall has already placed this call to the Director.

Mr. Doyle said that Anna Rosenberg was considerably upset over the fact that friends of hers have indicated that the Bureau is alleged to have been the spearhead of this attack on her, and that she personally knows that this is as far from the truth as it could possibly be.

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CC: Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Rosen  
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Mr. Roach  
Mr. Pitzer

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Honorable Donald S. Dawson  
Administrative Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Dawson:

Reference is made to previous reports furnished you concerning Anna Marie Rosenberg, and to my most recent letter dated December 21, 1950.

For the completion of your files I am enclosing copies of the following reports:

Report of Special Agent Spencer H. Robb, dated December 19, 1950, at Mobile, Alabama.

Report of Special Agent James P. Martin, dated December 20, 1950, at New York, New York.

Report of Special Agent Joseph Hyble, dated December 18, 1950, at Detroit, Michigan.

Report of Special Agent Edward R. Koblussek, dated December 19, 1950, at Atlanta, Georgia.

Report of Special Agent Robert T. McIver, dated December 18, 1950, at Kansas City, Missouri.

Report of Special Agent Thomas F. McLaughlin, dated December 22, 1950, at Boston, Massachusetts.

Report of Special Agent Raymond J. Corham, dated December 22, 1950, at Newark, New Jersey.

Report of Special Agent James P. Martin, dated December 22, 1950, at New York, New York.

Report of Special Agent Daniel McGillicuddy, dated December 26, 1950, at Washington, D. C.

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Honorable Donald S. Dawson

Report of Special Agent Howard A. King, dated December 22, 1950, at Indianapolis, Indiana.

No further investigation concerning this matter is contemplated by this Bureau.

With assurances of my highest regards,

Sincerely yours,

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson  
 FROM : L. B. Nichols *V/m*

DATE: December 8, 1950

SUBJECT:

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Ed Nellor called and talked to Holloman in my absence. He stated that in regard to Anna Rosenberg that he had just received information to the effect that Marjorie Shearon, an individual who has been associated with anti-Communists and anti-socialized medicine, had a great deal of information concerning Anna Rosenberg. Shearon's address is 9127 Jones Mill Road, Chevy Chase, Telephone Wisconsin 1347. Ed Nellor stated that he has not verified this but had just received it and wanted to pass it along.

It is noted that the telephone directory reflects that the Shearon Medical Legislative Service is listed at 9127 Jones Mill Road with telephone Wisconsin 1347.

It is suggested that this be referred to the Investigative Division in connection with the investigation of Anna Rosenberg.

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ADDENDUM, 12-8-50, FCH:mcq

A check of our files reflects that in 1947, the Criminal Division requested an investigation of Marjorie Shearon under the Federal Regulation of Lobbying Act Statute. This investigation disclosed that Marjorie Shearon was formerly employed by the Social Security Board and was later affiliated with the Republican National Committee and had an office in the Senate Office Building. She described herself as a legislative consultant and while in the Senate Building was on the Senate payroll and sent out literature opposing the Wagner--Murray--Dingell Bill. She also acted as part time consultant to Senator Robert Taft. The investigation was closed on April 2, 1948 by authority of the Department.

The file also reflects that she has been active against socialized medicine programs. (119-5 and 100-350512-256X)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *dh*

FROM : Mr. Rosen *Rosen*

SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF  
ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB -  
SPECIAL INQUIRY *3-1-1*

DATE: December 27, 1950

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PURPOSE:

To furnish you with a resume of the investigation conducted concerning the charges of Ralph DeSola that Anna Marie Rosenberg was a member of the John Reed Club and a member of the Communist Party. These charges were not substantiated. *Coffey*

BACKGROUND:

After Anna Marie Rosenberg had been named as Assistant Secretary of Defense, a statement, that Ralph DeSola had made concerning her to Benjamin Freedman, was brought to light. This statement, in the main, alleged that Mrs. Rosenberg had been a member of the John Reed Club, a Communist organization, and had been pointed out to DeSola as being a member of the Communist Party. The pertinent period mentioned by [ ] was 1934 to 1937. Benjamin Freedman, along with a Dr. Wesley Swift, made this statement available to the Armed Services Committee, that was acting on the appointment of Mrs. Rosenberg, on December 5, 1950.

The Director instructed that this question of identity be cleared up, and an investigation of these charges was commenced on December 5, 1950.

Dr. Wesley Swift, mentioned above, according to information in our files, is alleged to be the leader of the Ku Klux Klan in Southern California, and is an associate of, and sharer of the platform with, Gerald L. K. Smith. He quickly dropped from view in instant Congressional inquiry. As to Freedman, our files reflect that he is pro-Arab, an anti-Semite, and an alleged anti-Communist. Background information in our files concerning these persons was furnished General Marshall at his request at the outset of the investigation. Freedman was the apparent instigator of instant charges by [ ] and in the initial interview by Bureau agents, directed verbal abuse toward the FBI. He has now displayed his chameleon like character for, according to newspaper accounts, he has volunteered to [ ] of Mrs. Rosenberg to clear up these dastardly charges made against her. He has now professed to have washed his hands of this entire affair.

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[redacted] has previously furnished considerable reliable information in the Communist field and much of the information furnished by him at this time, of a collateral nature, has been verified, although his specific charges were not. b7D

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED:

The investigation initiated by the Bureau on December 5, 1950, was directed primarily towards proving or disproving the allegations made by DeSola, and to clear up the question of "mistaken identity" as alleged by Mrs. Rosenberg.

The investigation of these charges was basically from scratch as the Bureau files contained little information concerning the John Reed Club. The identities of the members and the activities of this group during its existence in the early 1930's were for all practical purposes unknown. This, however, was what we had to delve into in order to accomplish our purpose.

[redacted] upon interview, furnished the names of many persons whom he believed to have been associated with the John Reed Club. He also furnished names of others whom he considered generally familiar with Communist activities, during the pertinent period. Also according to information received from General Marshall's office, [redacted] named others whom he said could back him up in his charges against Mrs. Rosenberg. In hardly any case was an address for these persons available, but many were located and interviewed.

In a majority of these interviews, more names were mentioned of persons, believed by the interviewee, to have been connected with the John Reed Club, or the WPA Writers' Project, or to have associated with this general type of person and thereby were thought to be in a position to clear up this question of identity, or to have known Anna Marie Rosenberg.

There was also, of course, the list of names published in the May 19, 1930 issue of the "New York Times" relating to the petition allegedly put out by the John Reed Club. No original of this petition could be located, and again, no addresses of the alleged signers were available.

It was in this group of prospects, however, that Horace Gregory turned up. Gregory was alleged to have been a member of the John Reed Club, and his name appeared on the aforementioned petition. He was located by agents of the New York office, and admitted his John Reed Club membership, and that he had known of an Anna Rosenberg in the club, namely, Mrs. Isidore Klein. He knew of no other Anna Rosenberg as having been in the club.

Thereafter, Mrs. Isidore Klein was located. She admitted having been a member of the John Reed Club in the early thirties and that she was also known at that time by her maiden name of Anna Rosenberg, which she used in connection with her work as an artist. She did not recall having signed the aforementioned petition, nor did her husband, Isidore, recall his having done so. Both stated, however, that they may well have done so.

It is noted in this regard that the name "I. Klein" appeared on the petition, as recorded in the newspaper, and Mr. Klein stated that it was his custom in the thirties to sign his name in that manner.

On the negative side, sixty-two persons were interviewed who fell into essentially the same category as Horace Gregory, supra, and none would admit to any knowledge of any Anna Rosenberg associated with the John Reed Club or Communist activities. Many of these persons appeared to speak freely of their own activities in this regard, and also named others as having participated.

In addition, [ ] named the following as being able to back up his charges: Martha Campion, Matthew Hall, Leon Kappe, Anna Kornblatt and James Magraw.

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Magraw and Hall denied any knowledge of Mrs. Rosenberg ever having been connected with either the John Reed Club or the Communist Party. Leon Kappe, aka., Nathan Kaplan, a Communist Party leader in Detroit, Michigan, stated only "I don't know anything about it." Efforts to locate Campion have been unproductive, and Kornblatt was not interviewed as her husband, Emanuel Levin, is the subject of a pending IS-C case in the New York office, and who according to New York, is believed to be engaged in secret Communist Party work. Kornblatt is alleged by New York to be an employee of the IWO.

In addition to the above, thirteen other persons, alleged to have known Mrs. Rosenberg during the pertinent period, were interviewed, and all denied any knowledge of her being involved as alleged by [ ]

Also interviewed, were Elizabeth Bentley, Louis F. Budenz, Whittaker and Esther Chambers, Joseph Curran and Max Yergan. None of these persons could substantiate [ ] charges or identify any other Anna Rosenberg as having been so involved.

OTHER CHARGES MADE BY [ ] NOT SUBSTANTIATED:

[ ] stated that Anna Rosenberg was one of the founders of the magazine "Science and Society", which he described as a "Communist cultural organ".

The articles of incorporation of this magazine and its masthead for its first year of issue mention no Anna Rosenberg.

[ ] also stated that Mrs. Conal, a Communist Party member, had told him in the fall of 1936 that Mrs. Rosenberg was one of the founders of a magazine for social workers and that Mrs. Conal was editor of this magazine.

Mrs. Conal, upon interview, advised that she has never been connected with any magazine, and has no knowledge that Mrs. Rosenberg ever had such connections or any Communist connections.

[ ] also stated that there had been an Anna Rosenberg, not the pertinent one, connected with the WPA Writers' Project in the 1930's.

A review of WPA records by the Washington Field office disclosed four Anna Rosenbergs had been employed by the WPA, but none were associated with the Writers' Project.

[ ] was also of the opinion that this Anna Rosenberg had autographed a book for Edward K. Banta along with other Communist Party members on the Writers' Project. A photostatic copy of the signatures in this book fails to reflect any signature of an Anna Rosenberg.

[ ] also stated that he had advised former Special Agent George Starr concerning Mrs. Rosenberg in 1937. Bureau and New York files failed to reflect this and Starr denied it.

#### OTHER INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED:

Testimony of the various witnesses before the Armed Services Committee has not been made available to the Bureau. From time to time, certain leads became apparent to Mr. Larkin, counsel for General Marshall, and specific requests were made of the Bureau to obtain information or interview specific persons. All requests made by General Marshall's office were immediately handled, and the results forwarded to him immediately upon receipt.

Also on two occasions leads were furnished the Bureau by an investigator of Senator McCarthy. These were run out with negative results.

#### INVESTIGATIVE LEADS NOT COVERED:

The number of possible leads has, of course, increased with almost every interview as a majority of the persons contacted have furnished more names of possible sources of information, or of persons who were connected with the John Reed Club or the Communist Party during the pertinent period. All of these persons could possibly shed some light on the truth or falsity of the charges. Most of these persons, however, being of the ilk that became involved in organizations of this type, are of an unknown quantity insofar as cooperation and credibility is concerned. Many of the persons already interviewed have denied any such associations, although having been specifically named, in some instances, by several other persons.

At the present time there are approximately eighty persons falling in this category that have not been interviewed. For the most part, the addresses of these persons are unknown. From the experience gained in the interviews with the sixty-two persons located it is more than likely that if these remaining persons were found, their testimony would be only cumulative.



Therefore, as an Anna Rosenberg has been located by us, who admits membership in the John Reed Club, and as Mrs. Rosenberg has been confirmed by the Senate, additional investigation in this matter has been discontinued.

#### DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION:

Since the initiation of this investigation, and up to the date of Senate confirmation, daily summaries, based on teletypes, have been furnished General Marshall, the White House, and to Peyton Ford. Reports were likewise transmitted upon their receipt. Final reports will now be disseminated when they are all received, rather than on a daily basis. In this regard, the information received in teletype summaries that will be reflected in these reports has already been transmitted to the interested persons.

#### OBSERVATIONS:

No factual determination can be made as to possible perjury charges as we do not yet have a transcript of the testimony before the Armed Services Committee.

The reports submitted in this case by the New York office, eleven reports in all, have been excellent from the standpoint of investigation, organization, and typographical perfection. The New York office as a whole, and the agents and clerical personnel who worked on this case are deserving of a commendatory well done as the entire investigation was under the pressure of both time and importance.

The reports in this case will be thoroughly indexed, as they provide a wealth of information concerning the John Reed Club and its members, information that for the most part was not previously in our files. It should prove a valuable future reference file.

Bureau officials have received laudatory comments from numerous persons, concerning our investigation of this matter, including Senator Russell of Georgia, General Marshall, Marx Leva, Assistant Secretary of Defense, Robert Lovett and Mrs. Rosenberg. They have been uniformly pleased with both the calibre of the investigation and with its outcome.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

This is primarily for information. It is recommended however, that the remaining outstanding reports be forwarded to the interested persons when all are received, and one final letter will suffice. All offices were advised on December 20, 1950, to immediately submit reports. These are expected momentarily. It is also recommended that consideration be given to

commendations for the New York office and appropriate Bureau personnel. In this regard, a letter has been received from the New York office setting forth specific recommendations. A separate memorandum concerning this is being prepared and will include supervisory personnel at the seat of government as well.

*J.P.M.* *J. Edgar Hoover*  
*J.P.M.*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON ✓

DATE: 11/29/50

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: JOHN REED CLUBS OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. Tolson ✓  
 Mr. Clegg ✓  
 Mr. Glavin ✓  
 Mr. Ladd ✓  
 Mr. Nichols ✓  
 Mr. Rosen ✓  
 Mr. Tracy ✓  
 Mr. Egan ✓  
 Mr. Gurnea ✓  
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 Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓  
 Tele. Room ✓  
 Mr. Nease ✓  
 Miss Holmes ✓  
 Miss Gandy ✓

Mr. Walter Jenkins, Extension 186 of the Capitol, who is Secretary to Senator Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, called me a little while ago and stated the Senator was appearing before a committee meeting at 3:00 P. M. and he would like to have a squib as to the nature of the John Reed Clubs of the United States. He identified the John Reed Club as being the club with which Anna Rosenberg's name has been associated.

After checking I called Mr. Jenkins back and referred him to the Government publication "Citations by Official Government Agencies of Organizations and Publications found to be Communist or Communist Fronts," published December 18, 1948 by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. I referred him specifically to page 57 which sets forth 3 squibs on the John Reed Clubs of the United States to the effect that it was named after the founder of the American Communist Party, John Reed, and, further, that it was cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the California Committee on Un-American Activities and the Massachusetts House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Mr. Jenkins expressed appreciation for my assistance in this matter and then he wanted to know whether the FBI would conduct an investigation of an individual to be appointed as an Assistant Secretary in the Department of Defense before such an appointment was made. I told him that if this was a Presidential appointment and we were requested to make an investigation by the White House we would do so. He wanted to know whether an investigation had been made of Anna Rosenberg before she was appointed and I suggested that he call the Secretary of Defense. He then told me that the Secretary of Defense would be present at the meeting at three o'clock this afternoon and he would suggest to the Senator that he ask the Secretary of Defense that question.

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Mr. Rosen ✓  
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Miss Gandy ✓  
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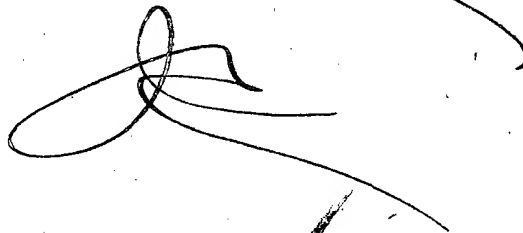
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ANNA M. ROSENBERG

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This memorandum neither states nor implies that Anna M. Rosenberg is a Communist or a Communist sympathizer. Its sole purpose is to point out that the name of Anna Rosenberg was publicly recorded as having been affiliated with four Communist-controlled organizations, namely, the John Reed Club, the Consumers National Federation, the Social Work Today Cooperators, and the National Citizens Political Action Committee. Brief summaries of the Communist character and significance of these four organizations have been included.

#### John Reed Club

The name of Anna Rosenberg appeared as a signer of a Communist protest against red-baiting hysteria, issued under the auspices of the John Reed Club. The account of this protest appeared in the New York Times of May 19, 1930 (p.19).

According to the New York Times, "100 Writers, Educators, and Artists Warn of Dangers in 'Hysteria' and 'Persecution.'" At the end of the Times' account of this protest, the names of 135 signers were actually listed, including the name of Anna Rosenberg. It is interesting to note that Anna Rosenberg's name was listed between the names of Anna Rochester and Julius Rosenthal, both of whom were openly avowed members of the Communist Party.

The John Reed Club, under whose auspices this protest was issued, was an out-and-out Communist Party organization. It functioned before the days of the Communist "fronts" which strive by every device of deceit to conceal their Communist character. The very name of the Club revealed its true character. John Reed was the first of the American Communist heroes. Reed's body was interred in the walls of the Kremlin in Moscow.

With very few exceptions, the signers of this pro-Communist protest were well known as members of the Communist Party or as persons with strong pro-Communist leanings. The following signers

of the protest were among those who publicly avowed their membership in the Communist Party: Michael Gold, Jack Hardy, Grace Hutchins, Grace Lumpkin, A. B. Magil, Scott Nearing, Joseph North, M. J. Olgin, Joseph Pass, Morris Pass, Harry A. Potamkin, Anna Rochester, Julius Rosenthal, Isidor Schneider, and Edith Segal.

Of the 135 signers of this John Reed Club document, more than 100 have records of multiple affiliations with Communist and Communist front organizations, according to the files of the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities. Many of them have been involved in the activities of scores of such Communist subversive groups. The late Franz Boas, for example, was affiliated with more than fifty Communist outfits.

The New York Times' story began as follows: "A protest against the imprisonment of men and women for expressing their political opinions, coupled with a warning that 'Red-baiting' is rapidly becoming a permanent condition, was voiced in a statement issued yesterday by the John Reed Club, 102 West Fourteenth Street." The signers of the protest knew very well that the Communists who had been imprisoned had been charged with overt acts against the laws and ordinances of this country. Many of them, i.e., the Communists, had taken part in carefully planned rioting in the streets, including the use of lethal weapons in battling the police of many cities across the country. To allege that these Communists had been imprisoned "for expressing their political opinions" was to promote the lying propaganda of the Communists.

The protest of the John Reed Club itself said, in part: "To combat this persecution for political opinion, concerted protest is necessary. The people of the United States must be awakened to the threatened complete destruction of their civil rights. The John Reed Club has instituted a campaign to spread information about this situation and to cooperate with the International Labor Defense, which is providing relief and legal aid to political prisoners." Like the John Reed Club, the International Labor Defense was an integral part of the Communist apparatus in

this country. Attorney General Francis Biddle declared the International Labor Defense to be "the legal arm of the Communist Party," and Attorney General Tom Clark formally cited the organization as Communist and subversive.

Among the cases of alleged "persecution for political opinion" were those of William Z. Foster and his Communist associates who were arrested in connection with the Communist rioting in Union Square, New York City, on March 6, 1930. It will be noted that the John Reed Club protest followed the Union Square rioting by a little more than two months.

For twenty years, the Communist Party has looked back upon March 6, 1930, as the red letter day in the history of Communism in the United States.

In his book, The Whole of Their Lives, Benjamin Gitlow (former leader of the Communist Party) has written about the March 6, 1930, episode, as follows: "March 6 made history. Over 100,000 people congregated around Union Square in New York City. Communist plans called for a fight with the police. The comrades had received instructions on how to provoke the police. The fight with the police started as planned. It was the signal for the three top Communist leaders of the Party, Foster, Minor and Amter to grab a taxi and proceed to City Hall to present the demands of the unemployed to the Mayor. The demonstrators on Union Square who were being chased and clubbed by the police were ordered to proceed at once to City Hall to back up the delegation to the Mayor. The Communist delegation, though they failed to see the Mayor, insisted on going through with their demonstrations. Every attempt on the part of the Communists to hold a meeting on the steps of the City Hall or near by was broken up by the police. The defense corps (i.e., Communist goons) broke up into groups which fought the police all over City Hall Park. Foster, Minor and Amter were arrested. But the Communists were satisfied. They had made national history. They proved to the unemployed that the police and the government opposed them. The Communists had their baptism in

blood and demonstrated to the Comintern and the Russian people that the workers in the wealthiest and most powerful capitalist country in the world were ready to fight against starvation and their capitalist oppressors.

"New York was not the only city in which Communist-directed demonstrations of the unemployed took place on March 6. Demonstrations occurred in hundreds of cities from New York to California and from Duluth down to the Gulf of Mexico. The Communists had succeeded in rallying millions of workers to follow them on the unemployment issue. From March 6 on they were the undisputed leaders of America's jobless millions. Success in this field gave the Communists a distinct place in national, state and local politics. It opened for them the front door into the most significant trade union development, that of the organization of the C.I.O.

"The Communists were good generals. They did not rest on their March 6th laurels. They immediately issued a call for a National Unemployed Conference to be held in Chicago on July 4, for the purpose of forming a consolidated national movement of the unemployment. The July 4 Conference was ushered in by violent demonstrations and blood battles which took place on the eve of the conference in all parts of the country." (See Gitlow's The Whole of Their Lives, pp.212-213.)

Four facts have been clearly established. (1) The John Reed Club and the International Labor Defense which were involved in this protest were nothing more nor less than adjuncts of the Communist Party of the United States. (2) The 135 persons who signed the protest, according to the report of the New York Times, were overwhelmingly members of the Communist Party or persons of publicly recorded Communist leanings. (3) The text of the protest itself gave incontrovertible evidence of being nothing but lying Communist propaganda. (4) The March 6, 1930, episode, whose rioting leaders were defended by the signers of the protest, was the high point in Communist violence in the history of this country.

The main headline of the New York Times' story about the John Reed Club's manifesto reads, as follows: "'Red Scare' Protest Issued by Liberals." It is nothing short of preposterous to allege that the auspices, the signers, the content, or the aims of this protest had anything to do with liberalism.

#### Consumers National Federation

Anna Rosenberg was a sponsor of the Consumers National Federation. (See official program of the organization for December 11-12, 1937.)

When Earl Browder was a witness before the Special Committee on Un-American Activities in September, 1939, he identified the Consumers National Federation as a "transmission belt." A transmission belt, in Communist jargon, is an organization through which the Communist Party extends its influence and ideology far beyond the narrow limits of the party itself.

Susan Jenkins, former employee of the Daily Worker, was the organizer of the Consumers National Federation. The Consumers National Federation was closely interlocked with the Communist-controlled Consumers Union, for which latter organization Susan Jenkins also worked.

Associated with Anna Rosenberg as sponsors of the Consumers National Federation were such well-known Communist Party members as ~~Bella Dodd~~, Grace Hutchins, Arthur Kallet (Communist alias "Edward Adams"), Israel Amter, and Rose Nelson.

With few exceptions, the sponsors of the Consumers National Federation were persons having records of multiple affiliations with Communist and Communist front organizations.

#### \* Social Work Today Cooperators

Anna Rosenberg was one of the Social Work Today Cooperators. (See Social Work Today, February 1942, p. 53.)

Social Work Today was a magazine, founded in 1934, whose alleged purpose it was to serve as "a journal of progressive social

work, thought, and action" (Social Work Today, December 1937, p. 2). In the Social Work Yearbook of 1941, published by the Russell Sage Foundation, headed by Mary Van Kleeck, chairman of the board of sponsors of Social Work Today, this magazine was called "a national professional magazine in social work." A study of the contents and policies of the magazine indicate, however, that it was primarily a vehicle whereby the line of the Communist Party was promulgated among social workers in a form calculated to be most palatable and effective to this particular group.

The central purpose of any publication serving the interests of the Communist Party is to support the foreign policy of the Soviet Government at a given moment. Other issues injected into the publication are intended only as a useful cover for this central purpose. Prior to the signing of the Stalin-Hitler Pact, the editorial policy of Social Work Today was vigorous in its demand for a belligerent attitude toward the Fascist aggressors:

The most insistent and tangible reality which forces itself upon our consciousness today is the fact that the light of liberty is threatened with extinction. Second, we join with the rapidly growing sentiment demanding the severance of economic and diplomatic relations with Germany, (Social Work Today, December, 1938)

The November 1938 issue of Social Work Today contained an article by Ludmilla Foxlee, entitled "Fascism Versus Social Welfare" (p. 14). "What It Means to Us," another article in the same issue (p. 16) by Communist Daniel Allen, American Labor Party candidate in the 1941 elections, condemned fascism and supported the embattled democracies. Miss Van Kleeck was announced as the "guest speaker" in a meeting advertised on page 31 under the title, "There Is An Answer to Munich."

"Is It To Be We or They?" was the title of a cartoon in the December 1938 issue (p. 3), depicting the torch of liberty on the one hand and the Fascist salute on the other. As late as June 1939,



Social Work Today carried an article attacking fascism (p. 33) and an article by Thomas L. Harris, national executive secretary of the American League for Peace and Democracy, which was the chief front organization engaged in popularizing the current policy of the Communist Party and the Soviet Union for a united front of the democratic nations against the Fascist aggressors (pp. 11,12).

The signing of the Stalin-Hitler pact on August 23, 1939, marked a distinct change in the attitude of this magazine allegedly dedicated to the interests of social work in the United States. The October 1939 issue was "planned before the outbreak of wider hostilities." So there was no marked fluctuation until November 1939 when it was declared editorially that, "in its entire history, perhaps the American people have never been so completely unified around any issue as that of our remaining neutral" (p. 5). Gone was all the noble belligerence toward Nazism and Fascism. The article continued:

The British propaganda machine succeeded in driving a reasonably secure American people into international conflict in 1917. Propaganda has many powerful adjuncts at its command today...Organized labor and the organized unemployed will leave no stone unturned in warning the American people against surrendering its New Deal on the hope that foreign carnage will provide jobs for all...The best force opposing such a prospect, such an open invitation to the American unemployed to think about warm uniforms and bean-flowing mess halls and heated barracks, is organized labor.

A report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities had the following to say about Social Work Today:

Having reviewed the opinions of the recognized policy-makers and spokesmen of Social Work Today, there can be no question that this magazine from November 1939 to June 22, 1941, was in full agreement with the Communist Party in opposition to the national defense program up to the point of civil disobedience. The magazine furthermore was active in its cooperation with Communist-controlled front organizations designed to advance its antiwar program.

It was during this very period, namely the years 1940 and 1941, that the name of Anna M. Rosenberg appeared among the Social Work Today Cooperators.

National Citizens Political Action Committee

Anna Rosenberg was vice-chairman of the National Citizens Political Action Committee for the organization's dinner affair of April 12, 1946.

The NC-PAC was formed in 1944 under the leadership of the late Sidney Hillman. It will be recalled that Hillman in that year had established a firm coalition with the Communists by which the latter were able to effect the complete capture of the American Labor Party in the State of New York. As a result of this Hillman-Browder manoeuvre, non-Communist and anti-Communist leaders such as David Dubinsky, Alex Rose, and George S. Counts bolted the American Labor Party and formed the Liberal Party. These Liberal Party leaders openly accused Hillman of promoting the objectives of the Communist Party.

On August 28, 1944, Hillman submitted the names of 141 members of the NC-PAC to Campaign Expenditures Committee of the House of Representatives. It was at once apparent from the names on this roster of the NC-PAC that the Communists were in a dominant position in the organization. Of its 141 members, 83 percent had records of affiliation with Communist and Communist front organizations. These facts were laid before the American people in great detail by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities.

Such notorious Communists and pro-Communists as Paul Robeson, Martin Popper, Langston Hughes, Leo Krzycki, and Oscar Lange were among the members of the NC-PAC.

From its beginning and throughout its existence, John Abt was general counsel of the NC-PAC. This was the same John Abt who was later exposed as the head of a Communist espionage cell in the federal government.

In 1947, the NC-PAC merged with the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions to form the Progressive Citizens of America. The latter organization in turn became the sponsor of Henry A. Wallace's candidacy for the presidency, and was known as the Progressive Party in the election campaign of 1948. At no stage of this development from the NC-PAC in 1944 to the Progressive Party in 1948 was there any doubt about the Communist control and Communist objectives of the movement.

The NC-PAC program of April 12, 1946, which carried the name of Anna Rosenberg as a vice-chairman, also listed John Abt as general counsel.

Among the more notorious pro-Communists who were also listed on the April 12th program of the NC-PAC were the following:

C. B. Baldwin, Elmer A. Benson, Albert Einstein, Sidney Hillman, Freda Kirchwey, James G. Patton, J. Raymond Walsh, Jo Davidson, Clifford J. Durr, Albert J. Fitzgerald, Claude Pepper, Lee Pressman, Evans Carlson, Robert W. Kenny, Michael M. Nisselson, and Dorothy Parker.

It is obvious from the foregoing that the NC-PAC was made up essentially of the Henry A. Wallace crowd -- the very crowd that Wallace himself has now repudiated as subservient stooges of Moscow.

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Dec. 4, 1950

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RE: ANNA M. ROSENBERG,  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

Dear American:

The announcement of appointment of Anna M. Rosenberg as assistant secretary of defense is another careless step taken by the leaders of the U. S. government. In the first place, it is a man's job. In the second place: SHE IS A JEWESS.

I am not a Jew hater, but I lean back on history. The Jews were persecuted in the past in Spain, France, Russia, Poland, and only recently in Germany. WHY?

Because in all instances they - to their own misfortune - turned traitors to the countries and the governments who gave them all the liberty and equal rights to live and prosper.

In Europe, beginning with the first Soviet invasion in June, 1940, in Lithuania, where the Jews claimed they had only one safe country in Europe, they were the first one

meet and greet the invading Soviet Red army, and served as agents persecuting all patriotic Lithuanians.

In 1917, Trotsky and Lenin were shipped in boxcar back to Russia help overthrow the Tzarist government, by promising them power.

In the United States, with us being now on the verge of a very dangerous world war III, we are taking too many risks with admitting the Jews, even though now they are loyal citizens, American born or naturalized. We know up to now that most of the traitors who were stealing our government secrets and passing them on to Russia, were Jews, even in Canada.

Sorry to say but I must, it is in their blood to become unloyal and traitorous to every country which treats them equally as their own people.

With the third world war in prospect, with Soviet Russia being our enemy, the Communist approach to every Jewish government official will have success in at least 90 per cent, and in due time they will turn against their country and will sell out to the enemy.

They are usually offered power, leadership, and the temptation of siding with the enemy.

The Kremlin Red lords are set on destroying our country by setting it on fire. In every European country they overran, they succeeded in getting their members as ministers of defense of interior. Through this scheme they take over all strategic police, etc., in their hands. When comes the time to strike their keymen everywhere. They take over radio, newspaper, terrorizing, misleading the masses, and for the purpose of all the promises of what they will want, and a revolution.

America is my adopted country. I was the President of Lithuania his own country in June 1940, when the Reds invaded, and he was of the age of Mr. Churchill, a vice statesman. I learned from him about the Communist activities and who are the traitors in their own country.

I am mailing the copies of this letter only to Mr. B. Marshall.

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 12-4-50

FROM : MR. H. H. CLEGG

SUBJECT:

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Congressman John E. Rankin telephoned. He stated that Matthews, former Investigator for the House Committee on Un-American Activities, had indicated that the Bureau had a file on Anna Rosenberg and that such a file would show that "she is not fit for anything." He wondered what steps were necessary and required for the Senate Committee to be granted authorization to receive any information of pertinent interest in the Bureau's files.

I explained that it would be necessary for the Attorney General personally to approve; that application would have to be made to the Attorney General and that he would recall that the President had issued very strict instructions that no such files could be made available to Congress, such instructions having been issued at the time of inquiries as to the loyalty of certain State Department employees.

I told him, further, that I did not know whether we had a file and that, since I do not handle such matters, I had never seen such a file, if one was available. He said he understood, but he just wanted to know the procedure to be followed by the Senate Committee to apply for the information.

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: December 4, 1950

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: ANNA ROSENBERG, INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Colonel Joe Chambers, investigator for Senate Armed Services Committee, called me today and stated that Mrs. Anna Rosenberg had been unanimously confirmed by the Senate Armed Services Committee. He stated apparently a number of irate citizens have appeared before the Committee members and are willing to furnish affidavits against Mrs. Rosenberg. He stated as a consequence Senator Harry F. Byrd, of Virginia, has suggested the possibility that the FBI may have a complete file on Mrs. Rosenberg and the thought occurred to him that if the committee could get this file they could review it and endeavor to ascertain full background on Mrs. Rosenberg.

I told Colonel Chambers that we could not make any files available and that any information in our files would have to come from the Attorney General. I also pointed out to him that the President had issued an order that that type of information could not be made available to congressional committees. He stated that answered his question for him and it did not appear that anything further could be done along that line at the present time.

He did tell me that Mrs. Rosenberg testified before the committee and categorically denied that she ever was affiliated with or a member of the John Reed Clubs. He said that she stated she was not identical with the Anna Rosenberg alleged to be a member of that organization. He stated it appears that there is another Anna Rosenberg, a writer of some sorts, who is a member of the John Reed Clubs. He also stated that Secretary Marshall was not present at the hearing but had sent a communication to the committee stating that he had personally selected Mrs. Rosenberg for the position; that he vouched for her and strenuously urged that she be approved for the position by the committee.

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Can we clear up this  
question of identity?

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: December 5, 1950

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: ANNA M. ROSENBERG

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Fulton Lewis, Jr. has come into possession of an affidavit executed by Benjamin H. Freedman, covering a conversation with Ralph DeSola which states categorically that Anna M. Rosenberg whose picture he has identified, attended meetings of the John Reed Club in New York. [redacted] also attended the meetings and has identified Anna M. Rosenberg.

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[redacted] resides at [redacted] and the Senate Armed Services Committee is now attempting to subpoena him before the Committee. It is my understanding that we have had this allegation before but have never been able to establish that Anna Rosenberg was a member of the John Reed Club.

She states that on the other hand another Anna Rosenberg is a member and is supposed to have given the name of this Anna Rosenberg in her recent testimony before the Committee.

It seems to me that the Bureau should immediately check into this because if Anna Rosenberg is the one, then undoubtedly there will be a perjury case. If she is not the one, then we should try and get a line on the real Anna Rosenberg and tie this down once and for all. With the heat that is presently being engendered, I think we will be hurt unless we are right.

A copy of the affidavit furnished me by Fulton Lewis, Jr.'s office is attached.

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I agree + advance. If time a perjury case may be developed if she says under oath when she testified; if untrue and of fairness it should be definitely marked down.

[redacted]  
was a member of the Communist Party [redacted] was also a member of the Communist Party at the same time, and for a period beyond the time [redacted] was a member of the Communist Party. [redacted]

informed me on the morning of December 3, 1950, at his residence at [redacted] that he had attended meetings of the John Reed Club held over a period of years in three club-rooms in the area of Sixth Avenue around Eighth or Ninth Streets and elsewhere in the neighborhood.

[redacted] stated to me that on numerous occasions he was present at the meetings of the John Reed Club when Anna M. Rosenberg, whose picture he identified in the newspapers, as the person recently appointed as Assistant Secretary of Defense, was also present.

[redacted] stated to me at the time of our meeting, that on a certain day in either 1934 or 1935, word was received by the secretary of the club, whose name was told to me by [redacted] but which escapes my memory at this point, to the effect that all records of the John Reed Club must be destroyed before the close of business that day, and that no records of any kind whatsoever, particularly membership records, were to remain in existence after the receipt of these instructions to destroy them.

[redacted] informed me that at the time of that meeting the policy of the supporters and sympathizers of the John Reed Club was to be radically altered. The leading figures within the orbit of

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the John Reed Club's influence were to enter other organizations for the purpose of winning them over to the Communist ideology represented by the John Reed Club policy.

At this meeting between [redacted] he informed me that Anna M. Rosenberg, whose picture he identified as the Anna M. Rosenberg recently appointed as Assistant Secretary of Defense, became one of the founders of "Science and Society" which [redacted] [redacted] described as a "Communist cultural" organ to be employed by the "top fractions" of the Communist sympathizers in their campaign to communize the thinking of the unsuspecting public. The magazine "Science and Society" was a magazine of the very highest quality and was used to make an impression upon only the better classes.

At the same meeting between [redacted] he informed me that Anna M. Rosenberg, whose picture he identified in the newspapers as the Anna M. Rosenberg recently appointed as the Assistant Secretary of Defense, had designated [redacted] to work in the educational field, to plant Communist agents in the educational system in New York City, and that at the present time there are several Communists in the educational system in New York City who were placed there by [redacted] pursuant to her responsibility resulting from her directions from Anna M. Rosenberg.

During this same meeting between [redacted] he informed me that Anna M. Rosenberg, whose photograph he identified in the newspapers as the Anna M. Rosenberg recently appointed as the

*Assistant Secretary of Defense, "okeyed" the appointments of Henry Alsberg, Joseph Baker, and Aubrey Williams to their positions with the United States Government, the first two having been anarchists before joining the Communist Party, and the latter's record speaking for itself.*

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*At this meeting between [redacted] he emphatically stated and on many occasions repeated, that he was absolutely certain that the picture in the newspapers of the Anna M. Rosenberg, with whom he was acquainted through his attendance at the meetings of the John Reed Club, was the Anna M. Rosenberg identified by these pictures as the person recently appointed to the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense.*

*Signed Benjamin H. Freedman*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: December 5, 1950

FROM : Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Tolson	✓
Ladd	✓
Clegg	✓
Glavin	✓
Nichols	✓
Rosen	✓
Tracy	✓
Harbo	✓
Belmont	✓
Mohr	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Nease	✓
Gandy	✓

Reference is made to the news item received through the Washington City News Service on November 29, 1950, pertaining to Rosenberg which stated in part "One complaint involved reported membership in 'Communist Front Organizations,' Tydings said. check with the House Un-American Activities Committee, he said, revealed that the complaint had arisen from a case of mistaken identity and applied to another Mrs. Rosenberg."

You inquired as to the identity of this other Mrs. Rosenberg.

Bureau files reflect that in an investigation conducted of Anna Marie Rosenberg in 1943 for the Office of Emergency Management the following was set forth as appearing in the Dies Committee indices:

A. Rosenberg, 1320 West Farms Road, Bronx, New York; A. Rosenberg, 1675 Park Place, Kings, New York; and Anna Rosenberg, 901 Avenue H, Brooklyn, New York, all having signed the Communist Party petition in 1939 and 1940, State and City elections for the five New York Boroughs. Also Anna Rosenberg, 3091 Brighton 5th Street, Brooklyn, New York, Anna Rosenberg, 270 East 92nd Street, and Anna Rosenberg 1075 Longfellow Avenue, Bronx, as also having signed a 1940 nominating petition of the Communist Party for the State of New York. There was also listed Anna M. Rosenberg, New York City, as a sponsor of the conference called by the Consumers National Federation in 1947 and an Anna Rosenberg as a member of the John Reed Club of New York City.

Investigation by the New York Office at that time determined that the signers of the petition mentioned above were other Rosenbergs residing at the designated places and not Anna Marie Rosenberg, the subject of the investigation. New York was unable to determine what Anna M. Rosenberg was referred to as sponsor of the conference called by the National Consumers Federation. A check of confidential informants in the New York office, the New York office indices and newspaper sources failed to disclose that instant Rosenberg was a member of the John Reed Club.

The Consumers National Federation was cited as a Communist Front by the special Committee of Un-American Activities report dated March 29, 1944. Likewise the House Committee on Un-American Activities files identified the John Reed Clubs of the United States

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as having been named after the founder of the American Communist Party as set forth in their report dated March 29, 1944.

In the more recent investigation of Anna Marie Rosenberg for the National Security Resources Board which was completed in October, 1950 the following additional information was obtained from the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities:

It was stated that one Anna M. Rosenberg, New York City, was listed as having contributed five dollars to Social Work Today. Also one Anna M. Rosenberg, not otherwise identified, was listed as a Social Work Today cooperator in 1941, according to the Social Work Today issue of October, 1942. The Social Work Today was identified in the House Committee on Un-American Activities reports on March 29, 1944 as a Communist magazine.

The HCUA files also reflected that one Ann Rosenberg, 1190 Shakespeare Avenue, Bronx, New York and one Anna Rosenberg, 2830 Olinville Avenue, Bronx, New York and one Anna Rosenberg, 1921 Stillwell Avenue, Kings, New York, signed a Communist Party petition of New York State in 1942. Investigation by the New York office determined that these persons are residing at the addresses listed and are not identical with our current subject. It was also determined in the New York investigation that Anna M. Rosenberg, the subject of this inquiry, has registered with one of the two major political parties since 1933. Confidential informants of the New York office advise that instant Anna M. Rosenberg is unknown to them.

Louis F. Budenz was also contacted and he advised that although he knew Mrs. Rosenberg by reputation he had no knowledge that she was ever a member of or sympathetic to the Communist Party.

The New York report reflecting the results of their current investigation is attached hereto for your information.

It will be noted from the above that for lack of identifying data it was not definitely determined in our investigation what Anna Rosenberg was associated with Social Work Today, the Consumers National Federation or with the John Reed Club; however, it was determined that instant Anna Rosenberg was not identical with the other Rosenbergs listed in the HCUA files set forth above as being associated with the Communist Party. Likewise you will note that all efforts to establish the association of instant Rosenberg with the above organizations were unproductive.

ACTION:

None. For your information.

*In view of information now  
furnished by F. Service I  
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SUBJECT: ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

DATE: December 5, 1950

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With reference to the Director's inquiry concerning the furnishing of reports to General Marshall, please be advised of the following information:

This morning, December 5, 1950, at approximately 10:30 A.M., Mr. George Gould, Director of Security for the Office of Secretary of Defense, called Mr. G. G. Callan, and advised that General Marshall was in a hurry to obtain copies of the FBI investigative reports on Anna Marie Rosenberg. Mr. Gould stated that he was calling Mr. Callan because Mr. Lynch, Liaison Representative of the Bureau to the Office of Secretary of Defense was not in his office at the time nor was Mr. Sanders. Mr. Gould stated that he had been at the National Security Resources Board and had read the reports and that the National Security Resources Board had agreed to make available photostatic copies of the reports provided there was no objection to this procedure on the part of the FBI. He stated that he understood that there was a rule against the furnishing of FBI reports from one Government Agency to the other and that for this reason, NSRB was reluctant to make available copies of reports. However, he advised that the reports were available at NSRB and copies could be made immediately and that NSRB had agreed to do so provided it was all right with the Bureau.

He asked Mr. Callan if the Bureau had copies of the reports available and Mr. Callan stated that we did not; that it would be necessary to photostat any copies which the Bureau would make available to him. He thereupon stated that if that was the case it would be faster if he had the reports photostated at NSRB since he had just been there, had seen the reports and had just finished reviewing them. He asked Mr. Callan if Mr. Callan would advise Mr. Thomas Carroll of the Security Office of NSRB, that the Bureau would interpose no objection to NSRB furnishing the General with photostats of the reports.

In view of the fact that we furnish copies of reports in investigations to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and further in view of the fact that we conduct investigations of appli-

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cants for the Secretary of Defense, Mr. Callan called Mr. Thomas Carroll and advised him that there would be no objection to the procedure outlined above.

Subsequently Mr. Callan received a call at approximately 11:30 A.M. from Mr. Gould stating that there had been a change in plans and that Mr. Symington did not desire to relinquish possession of the reports long enough to have them photostated and since they were the only copies they had he did not desire to furnish them to General Marshall in view of the fact that he had already let Gould review the reports.

Mr. Gould was thereupon informed by Mr. Callan that he did not have the file but that he would have it located and that photostatic copies would thereupon be made for General Marshall.

Mr. Callan then called Mr. Renneberger and told him that reports would be forwarded to him in the Anna Rosenberg case for photostating and requesting that the photostating process be expedited.

No reluctance on the part of the Bureau to furnish reports to the General was evidenced by Mr. Callan and it was Mr. Gould's suggestion that the copies in the possession of the National Security Resources Board which he had just reviewed be photostated.

Subsequently Mr. M. Joseph Lynch contacted Supervisor Robert Pitzer in the Investigative Division, who handles the supervision of investigations for NSRB and advised that Mr. Gould had contacted him and had requested that photostatic copies of the reports in the Anna Rosenberg case be prepared and be forwarded to the General.

The present status of the matter is that the reports are being photostated for the General and a cover memorandum of transmittal is being prepared. In the meantime, however, Mr. Payton Ford has requested photostats of the reports on behalf of Mr. Donald Dawson, Administrative Assistant to the President at the White House, and we are preparing appropriate copies for him.

#### RECOMMENDATION

In view of this development, it would be well perhaps if we did not furnish copies of the reports to the General although, as

Mr. Ladd

above outlined, his representative has seen the reports and has reviewed them at the National Security Resources Board, according to the information available to us.

If you approve, Mr. Gould will be advised, as he has already been advised, that the Bureau has no copies of the reports available and that however we have made available copies of the reports to Mr. Peyton Ford and that he may wish to communicate with Mr. Ford to obtain any information concerning the contents of these reports.

Since copies have already  
gone to N. S. R. B. & Ford &  
then him to W. H. & Defense  
has read our report at N. S. R. B.

I see no reason why copies  
should ~~not~~ now be sent to Defense.  
All should be told that contents  
are confidential & it is imperative  
that our sources not be disclosed  
particularly to the subject of the  
investigation.

H.

I erred in not inserting "not"  
as I intended copies should go  
to Defense. The sentence following  
implies it but doesn't say so  
definitely.

H.

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TO : Mr. Nichols *re-13*

FROM : F. C. Holloman

SUBJECT:

DATE: December 5, 1950

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*B*

*Robert*

*Callahan*

The writer returned the call of Mr. Charles Stevenson of Reader's Digest (Wisconsin 8743). He stated that he had called you for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not we could give him any indication as to whether or not Reader's Digest should publish a feature profile which had been prepared for publication in the next issue of Reader's Digest on Anna Rosenberg. He stated that there were a lot of rumors flying regarding Anna Rosenberg and that, of course, Reader's Digest did not want to publish a profile on her if she later became a controversial figure or inclined to be not exactly right.

I told Mr. Stevenson that we could give him no indications whatsoever as to whether or not Reader's Digest should or should not publish such a profile article; that this is a decision which must be made by Reader's Digest.

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 12/5/50

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: ANNA ROSENBERG

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Ladd ☒  
Clegg ☒  
Glavin ☒  
Nichols ☒  
Rosen ☒  
Tracy ☒  
Harbo ☒  
Mohr ☒  
Tele. Room ☒  
Nease ☒  
Gandy ☒

Colonel Joe Chambers, investigator for the Senate Armed Services Committee, called me today and stated that he was desirous of knowing whether [redacted]

[redacted] He stated he had information indicating that [redacted] are supposed to be [redacted]

Colonel Chambers in explanation stated that after the Armed Services Committee unanimously approved Mrs. Rosenberg for her present position in the Defense Department, Dr. Wesley Swift, 257 Parkview, Los Angeles, California visited members of the Committee along with a Dr. Benjamin H. Friedman, 300 Central Park, New York City. According to Friedman and Swift, they claimed they had witnesses who would furnish affidavits that Anna Rosenberg attended meetings of the John Reed Club. It appeared that the witnesses were [redacted]

At the time that Colonel Chambers called me, he stated that [redacted] was in the office of Congressman Rankin and was furnishing an affidavit he believed to the effect that Anna Rosenberg had been very active in the John Reed Clubs and that [redacted] had placed several Communists in the New York State educational system on recommendations by Anna Rosenberg.

According to Chambers, Dr. Wesley Swift is tied in with the Gerald L.K. Smith group. Colonel Chambers also told me that [redacted]

[redacted] and it would appear that he was a [redacted] but he wondered if we could help in evaluating [redacted] He stated he needed the information in connection with a Committee meeting at 2:30 p.m.

I made a quick check of the files and ascertained that [redacted] is in signed statements admitted that he was a [redacted]

[redacted] It appears that [redacted] was an informant of the New York Office and has been interviewed on numerous occasions by various Agents and has furnished considerable valuable information with respect to Communist activities and various members of the Communist Party.

I called Colonel Chambers back and told him that we could not be of any help to him in evaluating [redacted] as to whether he was reformed and as to whether the information he might furnish was truthful. He wanted to know whether [redacted] was known to us and I told him that we knew [redacted] but by the same token we could not vouch for him or discredit him.

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The foregoing is submitted for your information.

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Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	
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WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK 66 6 9-45 P  
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ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB, SPECIAL INQUIRY. RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALLS TO NY, DECEMBER FIVE LAST. BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN, THREE NAUGHT NAUGHT CENTRAL PARK WEST, NYC, CONTACTED EVENING OF DECEMBER FIVE LAST. AFTER AGENTS IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES, HE QUESTIONED LEGITIMACY OF THEIR VISIT AND STATED HE HAD NOTHING TO TELL THE FBI. HE STATED HE PREFERRED TO DEAL WITH THE CONGRESS OF THE US. WHEN ADVISED OF BUREAU-S DESIRE TO SECURE FROM HIM INFO CONCERNING ANNA M. ROSENBERG, HE INQUIRED AS TO REASON FOR FBI-S INTEREST IN HER. HE WAS TOLD FBI INTERESTED IN CONNECTION WITH HER POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. FREEDMAN STATED HE DID NOT CARE TO DISCUSS ROSENBERG WITH THE FBI AND CLAIMED THAT ON A PREVIOUS OCCASION THE FBI HAD LET HIM DOWN. HE THEN REFERRED TO AN ALLEGED CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATION WHICH OCCURRED AT NYACK, NY, SEVERAL YEARS AGO, AND ANOTHER CIVIL RIGHTS INCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED IN HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA. HE ALLEGED THE FBI WHITEWASHED THE CIVIL RIGHTS CASE AT NYACK, NEW YORK.

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IN THIS CONNECTION, BUREAU-S ATTENTION INVITED TO REPORT SA JOHN R. SWEENEY, DATED DECEMBER ONE NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN AT NY ENTITLED, "ROBERT MAIDMAN., THEODORE PETERZELL., UNKNOWN SUBJECTS., BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN - VICTIM, CIVIL RIGHTS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE." FREEDMAN STATED HE HAD LOST FAITH IN THE FBI BECAUSE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED CIVIL RIGHTS CASES. DURING LATTER PART OF INTERVIEW, HOWEVER, HE WAS MORE AMIABLE, BUT STATED THAT IN THIS INSTANCE HE WAS GOING TO FOLLOW THE DICTATES OF HIS CONSCIENCE. HE INDICATED POSSIBLE WILLINGNESS TO BE INTERVIEWED DECEMBER SIXTH. HOWEVER, WHEN HIS APARTMENT WAS CONTACTED TELEPHONICALLY PURSUANT TO BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS ON DECEMBER SIXTH, PERSON ANSWERING PHONE STATED FREEDMAN WAS OUT OF TOWN AND THAT THE TIME OF HIS RETURN IS UNKNOWN. CONCERNING [REDACTED] UPON ARRIVAL OF AGENTS AT HIS RESIDENCE LOCATED AT [REDACTED] IT WAS LEARNED THAT TWO NYCPD DETECTIVES HAD CALLED EARLIER AND, IN [REDACTED] ABSENCE, LEFT A NOTE, ASKING HIM TO CONTACT THEM, AT TWENTIETH PRECINCT. [REDACTED] ARRIVED HOME AT TWELVE TWENTY AM, DECEMBER SIXTH.

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HE READILY AGREED TO BE INTERVIEWED AT THAT HOUR. HE FIRST TELEPHONED ONE OF THE DETECTIVES MENTIONED ABOVE, WHO REQUESTED THE ADDRESS OF [REDACTED] AFTER COMPLETING THIS CALL, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM BENJAMIN FREEDMAN. FROM THE TENOR OF CONVERSATION, AGENTS RECEIVED IMPRESSION FREEDMAN WAS ATTEMPTING TO INDUCE [REDACTED] TO REFRAIN FROM FURNISHING ANY INFORMATION TO FBI.

[REDACTED] HOWEVER, WAS VERY COOPERATIVE. HE ADVISED THAT IN SUMMER OF THIRTYFOUR, ONE JAMES MC GRAW, A CP MEMBER, INTERESTED HIM IN ATTENDING MEETINGS OF THE JOHN REED CLUB AND LATER RECRUITED HIM INTO THE CP. DURING ~~THE SUMMER OF THIRTYFOUR~~ MC GRAW POINTED OUT TO [REDACTED] ONE ANNA ROSENBERG AT ONE OF THE MEETINGS OF THE JOHN REED CLUB AND MC GRAW DESCRIBED ROSENBERG AS A CP MEMBER. [REDACTED] STATED HE ATTENDED MEETINGS OF THE JOHN REED CLUB FROM SUMMER OF

[REDACTED] UNTIL [REDACTED] EXACT DATE UNKNOWN, AND STATED THAT DURING THIS PERIOD HE OBSERVED ANNA ROSENBERG ON FOUR OR FIVE OCCASIONS AT MEETINGS OF JOHN REED CLUB, AND THAT HE IS POSITIVE IN HIS OWN MIND THAT MRS.

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ANNA M. ROSENBERG, WHOSE PICTURE HE OBSERVED IN NY TIMES MAGAZINE SECTION WITHIN PAST FOUR OR FIVE WEEKS AND WHO WAS RECENTLY APPOINTED TO POSITION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, IS IDENTICAL WITH THE ANNA ROSENBERG WHOM HE SAW AT JOHN REED CLUB MEETINGS AND WHO WAS POINTED OUT TO HIM AS A CP MEMBER. [ ] STATED JOHN REED CLUB WAS NOT COMPLETELY A COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION ALTHOUGH ORGANIZED BY COMMUNISTS AND DOMINATED BY THEM. HE STATED THE JOHN REED CLUB HAD TWO HUNDRED FIFTY TO THREE HUNDRED MEMBERS, MOST OF WHOM WERE ARTISTS, WRITERS AND POETS. IT WAS HIS OPINION ANY PERSON WHO ATTENDED JOHN REED CLUB MEETINGS MORE THAN ONCE WOULD HAVE KNOWN IT WAS A COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION. SOMETIME BETWEEN THIRTYFIVE AND THIRTYSEVEN, [ ] LEARNED THROUGH A SOURCE WHICH HE CANNOT NOW RECALL, THAT JOHN REED CLUB WAS TO BE DISBANDED AND ALL RECORDS OF MEMBERSHIP DESTROYED. HE ALSO RECALLED THAT SOMEONE TOLD HIM TO FORGET THAT ANNA ROSENBERG HAD EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF THE CLUB OR A CP MEMBER BECAUSE SHE WAS BECOMING VERY PROMINENT.

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[ ] STATED HE AT ONE TIME WAS [ ]  
[ ] AND ALSO [ ]  
[ ] HE STATED HE  
NEVER OBSERVED ANNA ROSENBERG AT PARTY HEADQUARTERS. [ ] STATED  
THAT WITHIN THE PAST TWO WEEKS HE RECEIVED A CALL FROM ONE HALLAM  
RICHARDSON, AN ATTORNEY IN BROOKLYN, NY, WHO TOLD [ ] ABOUT  
A PETITION CONTAINING A LIST OF SIGNERS. RICHARDSON READ THE NAMES  
TO [ ] AND ASKED HIM IF HE KNEW ANY OF THE SIGNERS. [ ]  
STATED HE TOLD RICHARDSON HE RECOGNIZED A NUMBER OF THEM AS BEING  
PROMINENT COMMUNISTS OR LEFT WINGERS. AFTER HE DID THIS, RICHARDSON  
ADVISED HIM THAT THE NAME ANNA M. ROSENBERG WAS ALSO IN THIS PETITION.  
NY FILES INDICATE RICHARDSON IS ATTORNEY FOR BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN,  
PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED. [ ] WAS QUESTIONED AT LENGTH CONCERNING  
CONTEMPORARIES OF HIS IN JOHN REED CLUB. HE FURNISHED THE NAMES  
OF A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA AND HE INDICATED  
THAT EACH WAS A POSSIBLE SOURCE OF INFO CONCERNING THIS MATTER ALTHOUGH  
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HE KNOWS SOME OF THEM STILL ENGAGED IN CP ACTIVITIES. [ ] WAS IN POSSESSION OF A TELEGRAM DATED DECEMBER FIVE FIFTY INVITING HIM TO APPEAR AT A MEETING OF THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE ON DECEMBER SEVEN FIFTY AT TEN AM. THE TELEGRAM WAS SIGNED BY J. NELSON TRIBBY, CHIEF CLERK OF THAT COMMITTEE. [ ] INDICATED THAT HE COULD NOT GO TO WASHINGTON ON DECEMBER SEVEN BUT WOULD PROBABLY GO ON DECEMBER EIGHT NEXT. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR ANOTHER APPOINTMENT WITH [ ] AT NINE FIFTEEN AM, DECEMBER SEVEN NEXT, AT WHICH TIME ATTEMPTS WILL BE MADE TO REDUCE HIS STATEMENT TO WRITING. AT EIGHT AM ON DECEMBER SIX, [ ] WAS INTERVIEWED AT [ ] SHE FURNISHED A SIGNED STATEMENT IN WHICH SHE ADMITTED MEMBERSHIP IN CP FROM ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE TO THIRTYSEVEN. SHE ALSO ADMITTED HAVING ATTENDED VARIOUS MEETINGS OF THE JOHN REED CLUB, BUT STATED SHE WAS NOT ACTUALLY A MEMBER. WITH REGARD TO ANNA ROSENBERG, SHE STATED, TO THE BEST OF HER RECOLLECTION, SHE ONLY

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MET MRS. ANNA ROSENBERG ON ONE OCCASION. THAT WAS DURING THIRTYSIX  
IN CONNECTION WITH A DISPUTE ON THE WPA WRITERS PROJECT OF WHICH  
[ ] WAS A MEMBER. SHE COULD NOT RECALL ANY FURTHER  
DETAILS OTHER THAN THE FACT ANNA ROSENBERG WAS THE ARBITER OR ONE  
OF THE ARBITERS OF THIS DISPUTE. SHE STATED SHE NEVER, TO THE  
BEST OF HER RECOLLECTION, SAW ANNA M. ROSENBERG AT ANY MEETING  
OF THE JOHN REED CLUB WHICH SHE, [ ] ATTENDED, NOR DID  
SHE EVER HAVE ANY OTHER PERSONAL CONTACT WITH ANNA ROSENBERG THAN  
THAT MENTIONED ABOVE. SHE STATED THAT AT NO TIME WAS SHE, [ ]  
[ ] EVER ENGAGED IN ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE  
THE PLACING OF TEACHERS IN THE NYC PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM NOR HAD SHE  
ANY INFO REFLECTING THAT ANNA ROSENBERG WAS IN ANY WAY INTERESTED  
IN COMMUNIST INFILTRATION WITHIN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM OR ANY  
GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY. EFFORTS TO LOCATE HALLAM RICHARDSON HAVE BEEN  
NEGATIVE UP TO THIS POINT. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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*cc. Mr. Belmont*



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Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB. SPECIAL INQUIRY. ATTENTION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ROSEN. PHOTOGRAPH OF CAPTIONED INDIVIDUAL DISPLAYED TO WHITAKER CHAMBERS AND HE ADVISES HE DOES NOT KNOW HER AND CANNOT IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH. DOES NOT KNOW [REDACTED] PERSONALLY, NEVER HAVING SEEN HIM, AND DOES NOT KNOW JAMES MCGRAW. HE ADVISES THAT HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE JOHN REED CLUB FOR ONLY ABOUT ONE YEAR FROM NINETEEN THIRTYONE TO ABOUT JUNE, THIRTYTWO. AFTER THAT HE WENT INTO UNDERGROUND AND HAD NO FURTHER CONTACT WITH THE CLUB. CHAMBERS UNAWARE THAT JOHN REED CLUB WAS DISBANDED IN THIRTY-SEVEN, STATING THAT HE THOUGHT THE CLUB WAS STILL IN EXISTENCE. HE CAN FURNISH NO INFORMATION WHATEVER ABOUT ANNA M. ROSENBERG. HE SUGGESTS FOLLOWING SOURCES WHO MAY BE ABLE TO VERIFY ROSENBERG-S MEMBERSHIP - MAX YERGAN, NEW YORK CITY, EXACT ADDRESS UNKNOWN, AND GRACE LUMPKIN, EMPLOYED CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, GRAMERCY PARK, NYC. ALSO ADVISES THAT RALPH DE TOLEDANO MAY BE HELPFUL IN FURNISHING NAMES OF OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO COULD SUPPLY PERTINENT INFORMATION. BUREAU ADVISE NEW YORK IF INTERVIEWS WITH YERGAN, LUMPKIN AND DE TOLEDANO DESIRED.

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Mr. Nease	_____
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WASHINGTON 56 AND BALTIMORE 1 FROM NEW YORK 7 4-30

DIRECTOR AND SAC URGENT

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB. SPECIAL INQUIRY. ATTENTION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ROSEN. BALTIMORE DIVISION TELEPHONICALLY REQUESTED DECEMBER SEVENTH, FIFTY, TO CONDUCT INTERVIEW WITH WHITTAKER CHAMBERS CONCERNING HIS KNOWLEDGE OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ROSENBERG IN JOHN REED CLUB. BALTIMORE REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN FROM CHAMBERS IDENTITIES OF MEMBERS OF JOHN REED CLUB WHO MIGHT KNOW OF ROSENBERGS ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP THAT CLUB. BALTIMORE REQUESTED TO SUTEL BUREAU AND NY RESULTS OF INTERVIEW AND SET OUT ALL LEADS BY TELETYPE.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

FROM : A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

DATE: December 6, 1950

Tolson ✓  
Ladd ✓  
Clegg ✓  
Glavin ✓  
Nichols ✓  
Rosen ✓  
Tracy ✓  
Harbo ✓  
Mohr ✓  
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With further reference to the developments in this matter, I spoke to SAC Scheidt this morning. The following is a brief resume of the action to date and recommendations as to further action to be taken.

Ben Freedman has not as yet been reinterviewed, however, we are trying to reinterview him to see if he has any additional information to furnish.

With reference to [ ] although [ ] has a telegram from the Armed Services Committee asking that he appear before that Committee on December 7, Desola indicated that he probably wouldn't be able to make it until later and that he may handle it on the 8th of December. This would be Friday. The telegram was sent by G. Nelson Tribby, Chief Clerk of the Senate Armed Services Committee and is merely a request. It is not in the nature of a summons or subpoena.

[ ] has not reduced the information which he gave us to writing in the form of a signed statement; however, we have an appointment to meet him tomorrow, December 7. We intend to take a signed statement. This will be done in the New York Office.

Developments occurring today and all details relative thereto will be incorporated in a letter from the New York Office tonight which is to reach the Bureau Thursday morning, December 7.

Briefly, [ ] story is that he saw Anna Rosenberg four or five times from 1934 to approximately 1937 at John Reed Club meetings. He doesn't know the last time he saw her because he doesn't recall at this time when the John Reed Club was disbanded.

James McGraw was the individual who recruited [ ] into the Reed Club and also the Communist Party. McGraw allegedly said to [ ] that there were a number of members of the John Reed Clubs who were getting prominent and that he should forget about these people. McGraw allegedly said, according to [ ] recollection, that they should forget about Anna Rosenberg as she was now getting prominent. He doesn't remember the time that this was said either.

[ ] at the time he joined the Communist Party and also the John Reed Club, had not met his first [ ]. It was about a year after he joined the Communist Party that he met [ ]. He didn't think that she would remember meeting Anna Rosenberg nor did he think that she knew her.

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Memorandum for Mr. Ladd

[ ] from recollection, gave to the Agents 35 names of members of the John Reed Club, many of whom were allegedly members of the Communist Party. He indicated that about three or four have since broken off with the Communist Party. There may be about eight who might cooperate at this time. In any event, we are talking to the cooperative members first and if they give us corroborating information either affirming her membership or refuting it we will then determine whether to interview all 35 members.

It is recalled Whittaker Chambers may have been a member of the John Reed Club. If he was, we are going to ask him if he recalled knowing Anna Rosenberg or ever seeing her at any meeting.

[ ] stated that a couple of weeks ago a Brooklyn attorney named Hallam Richardson, who was Freedman's attorney, mentioned to [ ] that Anna Rosenberg's name was supposed to be on some protest list or some list containing many names of persons allegedly members of the John Reed Club. He doesn't recall the date that this protest list or petition was supposed to have been prepared nor does he recall whether it was definitely stated that the Anna Rosenberg in question appeared on this list. In any event, inasmuch as the attorney allegedly has such a list and has such information, he is to be interviewed today concerning this matter. We will get whatever information he will furnish.

Scheidt says that there are a couple of inconsistencies in the statement furnished by Freedman, which statement precipitated these interviews, and the facts as furnished by [ ]. In substance, [ ] is not as positive, as definitive and as certain as Freedman is in his statement which was given to Fulton Lewis. [ ] indicated that he didn't think his wife, for example, was instructed by Anna Rosenberg as to what she was supposed to do and also he didn't think that he could recall ever saying that Anna Rosenberg O.K.'d the appointments of Allsberg, Baker and Aubrey Williams. Scheidt says that [ ] does, however, say he saw Anna Rosenberg at John Reed Club meetings back when she was attending and that he recently saw her picture in the paper and that he is sure that she is the same person. We plan on having a detailed statement taken from [ ] on December 7 with reference to all of the allegations and with reference to his specific knowledge concerning Anna Rosenberg.

[ ] was interviewed today. A signed statement was obtained. She said that she did know Anna Rosenberg, having met her on one occasion which was back in 1936 at which time [ ] was working on the Writers Project (WPA Project). There was some sort of a dispute which arose and the matter was brought before an arbiter. This arbiter was, according to [ ] Anna Rosenberg, the Anna Rosenberg in question, and that was the only time and the one occasion wherein she met Anna Rosenberg. It is noted that Helen Desola Winner was a member of the Communist Party and also a member of the John Reed Club but she never saw Anna Rosenberg at any meetings of the John Reed Club.

Memorandum for Mr. Ladd

The following instructions were given to Scheidt:

Obtain a statement from [ ] on December 7 inasmuch as [ ] is not available before then.

Talk to all of the members of the John Reed Club who are cooperative, which names have been given to us by [ ] and conduct such other interviews as are necessary in order to prove or disprove the allegations made.

Check with Whittaker Chambers to see if he has any information concerning Anna Rosenberg.

Fully and completely interview Freedman's lawyer, Hallam Richardson.

See if we can get further information from Freedman.

At the close of business today, Scheidt is to prepare a memorandum which will be sent to the Bureau and received tomorrow, Thursday, morning, the 7th, containing all developments to date in order that we can be currently advised in detail.

*Run down all angles  
promptly.*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. ROSEN

DATE: December 6, 1950

FROM : MR. NEWBY

Time of call 11:15 P.M.

SUBJECT: ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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SA Walter E. Levvis of the New York Office, at 11:15 P.M. December 5, 1950, telephonically furnished the following information concerning the results of inquiry by Agents of the New York Office requested in a telephone call by you on December 5, 1950.

Mr. Benjamin Freedman, 300 Central Park West, New York City, was contacted by Agents of the New York Office at his home at about 9:30 P.M. Mr. Freedman took exception to being interviewed at night. He said when he examined the Agents credentials that it seemed unusual and if the Agents had a legitimate reason for being there, Mr. Scheidt would have called him to tell him that they were coming. It might be noted that Mr. Scheidt doesn't recall having met Freedman.

When the Agents entered Mr. Freedman's apartment, he had a telegram in his hand which he placed in his pocket. Before the Agents could properly open the interview, Freedman began a tirade directed at the Office of the FBI. It appeared from his conversation, that two or three years ago Freedman had been attending a Republican meeting at Nyack, New York which was broken up by a group of Jewish War Veterans. Freedman asserted that it had been necessary for the Chief of Police to protect him, at Freedman's request. He said that he reported the entire matter to Judge McGohey who was then United States Attorney, Southern District of New York. Mr. Freedman claimed that the FBI white-washed the whole case, which was in the nature of a Civil Rights matter. He said as a result he didn't want anything to do with the FBI, and that all his dealings will be with the Congress of the USA.

Agent Levvis said that the New York Agents pointed out to Mr. Freedman that the Bureau is a fact finding agency, and that it has nothing to do with determining whether prosecutive action is to be instituted. Concerning the Agents presence, Mr. Freedman insinuated that there was probably an ulterior motive and that the Agents might be there because of some pressure by some organization such as the Jewish War Veterans.

When asked about Mrs. Rosenberg, Levvis said that Freedman "got smart" Freedman said "what do you want to know, whether she's a virgin or not?"

The Agents explained that they would like to have the benefit of anything Mr. Freedman might know pertaining to the loyalty of Mrs. Rosenberg or any activities on her part which might have a relationship to the internal security of the country.

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Mr. Freedman said he did not want to discuss her with the FBI, and that he felt that the FBI "let him down", in reference to the Nyack incident. He said he wouldn't discuss anything like that tonight, and that "if you want to arrest me, O.K., but I am not going to talk."

Supervisor Levvis advised that the Bureau's jurisdiction was again explained to him and that finally Mr. Freedman apologized and said he did not mean to be rude. He said he understood the job the FBI was trying to do. He was asked if he would be willing to be interviewed at the New York FBI Office, and he said that he might "feel all right about being talked to in the morning" and "that it might work out to your advantage." He wouldn't elaborate or discuss what he meant by the statement it might work out to your advantage.

Mr. Freedman made reference to the fact that he has long been known for his stand against communism, and that as a result he has been subjected to ridicule by "certain people."

Mr. Freedman claims to be a friend of Cardinal Spellman. The agents who interviewed him said that he did not appear to be a nut, and gave the impression of being sincere about his anti-communist sentiments. They said he was more cordial when they left and that he may have a change of heart about talking to them in the morning.

Mr. Levvis said that Mr. Scheidt intends to hold a conference in the morning as to whether it would be desirable to re-contact Mr. Freedman.

ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT RALPH DESOLA:

At 11:47 P.M., Agent Levvis again called and said agents had been unsuccessful in efforts to contact [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This telegram was sent at Government Rate, and bore the numerals [REDACTED] On a table near the door was a note for [REDACTED] to call Detectives Clancy and Natore at the Precinct House, 150 West 68th St.

Due to Dr. Gellers presence, Agents were not able to determine to any degree the nature of the telegram.



Memorandum to Mr. Rosen

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The Agents were going to continue to wait around until some-time after midnight for [ ] return. In the event he doesn't return by that time, they will begin their efforts to locate him anew at 7:00 A.M. December 6, 1950.

ACTION:

It is suggested that you may desire to communicate with the New York Office concerning this matter on the morning of December 6, 1950.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD  
 FROM : MR. ROSEN  
 SUBJECT: ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG  
 ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

DATE: December 6, 1950

Time of call: 1:30 AM 12/6/50

PURPOSE:

To advise you that Supervisor Levis of the New York Division called this morning to advise the Bureau that New York agents had contacted [redacted] regarding the above captioned matter and were at that time interviewing [redacted]

DETAILS:

He stated that when [redacted] arrived at his home, agents were waiting for him and accompanied him to his door. [redacted] and the agents noted that a telegram had been placed under his door for him. [redacted] opened it and advised the agents that it was from the Armed Services Committee and requested that he appear before the committee on December 7th.

Levis advised that the agents immediately began to interview [redacted] and intended to continue to interview him as long as he was willing. He had instructed the agents to contact him as soon as they could. They advised Levis that [redacted] was very cooperative and proceeded to reiterate everything that they had been advised appeared in Freedman's statement. He told the agents that he had been a [redacted]

[redacted] He stated that he knew Anna Rosenberg all during that time. He is positive that she is identical with the Anna Rosenberg being considered for appointment as Assistant Secretary of Defense. He further indicated that his [redacted] was active in the cultural aspects of the club's activities and that she took her orders from Anna Rosenberg.

He stated that [redacted] but is not sure since he is no longer on speaking terms with her. He indicated that [redacted]

The last that he knew of her was that she was an [redacted] but he is not sure that she is there now. He does not think she will be cooperative in furnishing information in this matter. Supervisor Levis advised that he will have agents attempt to locate Helen Winner early this morning for interview. [redacted] told the agents that his present [redacted] had nothing to do with this situation.

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 Mr. Nease ✓  
 Miss Gandy ✓

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Shortly after arriving at [redacted] received a telephone call from Freedman. The agents were able to hear [redacted] part of the conversation and it appeared that Freedman told [redacted] that two men representing themselves as FBI agents had called on him. [redacted] told Freedman that he was talking to Bureau agents at the time. Freedman then made a suggestion that he go to [redacted] and join the interview. [redacted] would not let him do this in view of the late hour. Freedman advised [redacted] that he had received a similar telegram to the one received from the Armed Services Committee by [redacted]. [redacted] then informed Freedman that he would not be able to appear on the date specified but that he would on the eighth or on the next working day.

Supervisor Levis advised that SAC Scheidt intended to hold a conference the first thing this morning regarding the advisability of interviewing Freedman.

ACTION:

Levis informed that agents would attempt to locate [redacted] this morning and the Bureau would be promptly advised of the results of this interview.

Just as soon as Freedman is reinterviewed and just as soon as [redacted] is located, you will be advised. The details of the [redacted] interview are being obtained and any further developments will immediately be brought to your attention.

*This should be expedited  
in every way & when completed  
repts furnished A. J. Dawson  
at W. H. & Gen. Marshall.*

*H.*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON ✓

DATE: December 6, 1950

FROM : Mr. S. J. Tracy

SUBJECT: ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG  
NATIONAL SECURITY RESOURCES BOARD

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With reference to the above-named individual who was recently appointed Manpower Director of the National Security Resources Board, I was informed last week by N. W. Shefferman of Chicago, Illinois, that Anna Marie Rosenberg is not connected in any way with Macy's in New York. Mr. Shefferman is presently handling industrial relations for Macy's and many other New York department stores.

With reference to my memorandum of October 4, 1950, under the above title, the James Mitchell who was associated with Mrs. Rosenberg at Macy's is personally well known to Mr. Shefferman. He informed me that he did not think too highly of Mr. Mitchell, that he was a rather odd individual who did not appear to be playing the game square with his employer, Bloomingdale's Department Store. He seemed to favor labor as against management although he was employed by management. It was evident that Mr. Shefferman did not think too highly of Mr. Mitchell. He made no other observations concerning Mr. Mitchell personally.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

None. The above is for record purposes only and for filing in the investigative file of the above-named individual.

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TO : MR. LADD

DATE: December 6, 1950

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE NAME CHECKS

Mr. George Gould, Security Officer for the Secretary of Defense, on December 5, telephonically communicated with the Liaison Section and stated he desires special name checks on the following persons: Dr. Benjamin H. Friedman, 300 Central Park, West, New York City; Dr. Wesley Swift, 257 Parkview, Los Angeles, California; and [redacted]

(No doubt they meant

As the Bureau knows we have been doing name checks on applicants for the Department of Defense and also conducting investigations not to exceed ten in number per month on individuals to be cleared for top secret documents and information.

Mr. Lynch contacted Mr. Gould and stated that he would appreciate further identifying data on these individuals, at which time Mr. Gould stated he had no further information and when requested as to what happened to the application on these persons, Gould advised that they were not applicants, but he desired name checks on these persons because of their connection with Anna Rosenberg. Mr. Gould was informed that it was rather difficult to positively identify these individuals without further identifying data and Mr. Gould then offered to have himself or one of his associates come to the Bureau and look through the Bureau files so that they could make the identification. Mr. Gould was informed this was impossible.

Mr. Gould then stated that he would contact Mr. Felix Larkin, Legal Counsel for the Secretary of Defense, and that Mr. Larkin would no doubt attempt to use some pressure to attempt to have the Bureau conduct these name checks.

It is respectfully suggested that the Bureau not make these name checks for the Secretary of Defense because it is felt that once the barrier is let down the Liaison Section will be then asked to make name checks of individuals who have no connection with the Secretary of Defense and it is felt that Mr. Gould and his associates would certainly abuse this privilege.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

DATE: December 6, 1950

TO : Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
 FROM : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 FROM : Peyton Ford  
 SUBJECT : Deputy Attorney General

I have had a request from Secretary of Defense Marshall, which I have discussed with the Attorney General, that he be furnished any information in the Bureau's files regarding Dr. Welsley Swift, 251 Park View, Los Angeles, California; Dr. Benjamin Friedman, 300 Central Park West, New York City; and

It will be appreciated if this information can be furnished to Secretary Marshall by noon tomorrow.

This information is for the personal use of General Marshall and will not be disclosed to any other person.

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E.A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Belmont	
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: December 6, 1950

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: AMERICAN ANTI-COMMUNIST LEAGUE  
SECURITY MATTER-X

This is to advise of information furnished by Mr. CHARLES GERMAN, President of the National Litho Company Inc., 1255 25th Street N.W., who is a personal acquaintance of Mr. HOTTEL.

Mr. GERMAN contacted Mr. HOTTEL to advise that on Dec. 4, 1950 a man had gone to the National Litho Co., and requested that one thousand copies be printed of the enclosed paper. This man according to Mr. GERMAN had identified himself to the company employee as representing the captioned organization and gave his name only as Mr. SMITH.

Mr. GERMAN stated that when he had examined the paper and discovered the nature of its contents he decided against printing it. He stated that when R. E. LEGANT, who is a woman, contacted him concerning the progress of the printing, he had informed her that it would not be possible for his company to fill the order. MR GERMAN advised that LEGANT became very indignant at this and stated "that is the trouble with you people in Washington, you have no guts".

Mr. GERMAN stated that he had returned the paper to LEGANT along with a \$50 deposit which had previously been made. Mr. GERMAN had a copy made, which is enclosed, because he felt that it would be of interest to the Bureau, since the Bureau is mentioned in the Article.

The Bureau's appreciation was extended to Mr. GERMAN for his cooperation.

The indices of this office failed to disclose any record pertaining to R. E. LEGANT. The indices that there are records to various persons and organizations operating under Anti Communist titles, none of which can be identified directly with the captioned organization.

This is being furnished for the Bureau's information and no further action is being taken by this office. Mr. GERMAN's identity should not be disclosed outside the Bureau.

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Attention! Members of the United States Senate

MRS. ANNA M. ROSENBERG

MUST NOT BE CONFIRMED

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

This woman is listed in the Reports of the Un-American Activities Committee as associated with numerous Communist-front organizations.

See Report entitled Appendix IX -- pages 660, 939, 1786, 1792.

This woman, born in Budapest, Hungary, and associated with numerous Red-front personalities, was a member of the John Reed Club, named after John Reed, founder of the American Communist Party.

The person who is to become virtually the bureaucratic dictator over America's manpower should be an American above reproach. God grant that the United States Senate will refer this appointment back to the Armed Services Committee for further investigation and consideration.

Note: There is a file in the headquarters of the FBI which will establish that Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg is the least desirable person in the United States to hold such a position.

When this truth eventually comes out no United States Senator needs plead ignorance.

This circular distributed by the American Anti-Communist League.

Attention: The purpose of this circular is to sound the alarm. Any honest investigation free from whitewash will bring out the facts suggested above.

Warning! Surely the United States Senate cannot trust a report on such matters coming from a committee headed by Senator Tydings. His disposition to whitewash left wingers has established in the minds of the public that he is completely unreliable when it comes to such matters.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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TITLE <b>ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Investigation predicated on information received from Confidential Informant [redacted] who advised he has learned of the existence of affidavit executed by BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN, which reflects that one [redacted] had observed ANNA M. ROSENBERG, the newly appointed Assistant Secretary of Defense, in attendance at meetings of the JOHN REED CLUB; that ANNA M. ROSENBERG had recently appointed [redacted];

*see STP 2-8*

that ANNA M. ROSENBERG "okayed" the appointment of HENRY ALSBERG, JOSEPH BAKER, and AUBREY WILLIAMS to their positions with the U. S. Gov't. BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN, 300 Central Park West, NYC, was interviewed December 5, 1950, but declined to furnish any information concerning ANNA M. ROSENBERG. [redacted]

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[redacted] advised on December 6, 1950 he is a former member of the CP and the JOHN REED CLUB. [redacted] said that he had been present at four or five meetings of the JOHN REED CLUB between 1934 and 1937 at which ANNA ROSENBERG was also present. [redacted] identified ANNA ROSENBERG, whom he had observed at the meetings of the JOHN REED CLUB, as the same ANNA M. ROSENBERG who was recently appointed Assistant Secretary of Defense. [redacted] also stated that this same ANNA ROSENBERG had been pointed out to him at a meeting of the JOHN REED CLUB by JAMES MC GRAW, who told him that she was a CP member. [redacted] said that at the

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time the JOHN REED CLUB was dissolved someone told him to forget that ANNA ROSENBERG had ever been a member of the club or of the CP inasmuch as she was becoming a very prominent individual. [redacted] stated that he understood ANNA ROSENBERG had subsequently become an official with the WPA and that it was general knowledge that she had "okayed" HENRY ALSBERG, GERRE MAGIONE, JACOB BAKER, and AUBREY WILLIAMS, all of whom he described as Communists or Communist sympathizers, for various Government positions. He stated that between 1936 and 1938 ANNA ROSENBERG helped to form a magazine known as "Science and Society." [redacted] stated that any information relating to [redacted]

[redacted] denies any knowledge of ANNA M. ROSENBERG being influential in placing CP members in the educational system in NYC. [redacted] furnished the names of many individuals who he stated had been members of the JOHN REED CLUB and many of whom were also CP members. Mrs. HELEN WINNER DE SOLA, 43 West 93rd Street, NYC, was interviewed on December 6, 1950 and furnished a signed statement in which she stated that she was a member of the CP from about 1933 to 1937. She stated she met ANNA M. ROSENBERG on one occasion, this being in connection with a dispute on the WPA Writers Project, in which ANNA ROSENBERG was an arbiter. She stated she attended meetings of the JOHN REED CLUB, but cannot recall ANNA M. ROSENBERG, the newly appointed Assistant Secretary of Defense, having been a member of the club or having been in attendance at any of the meetings. HELEN DE SOLA stated that at no time did she ever attempt to influence the placing of teachers in the NYC Public School System or any other school system, nor had she any information reflecting that ANNA ROSENBERG was in any way interested in Communist infiltration within the Public School System or any Government Agency.

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DETAILS: AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK:

This investigation is predicated upon information received from Confidential Informant New York City T-1, of known reliability.

Confidential Informant New York City T-1 stated that he has received information concerning the existence of an affidavit executed by one BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN, which affidavit sets forth information received by FREEDMAN from one [redacted]

According to the Informant, [redacted] told BENJAMIN FREEDMAN that he, [redacted] and that he had attended meetings of the JOHN REED CLUB over a period of years at three club rooms located in the area of Sixth Avenue around Eighth or Ninth Streets in New York City.

The Informant stated further that this affidavit indicated that [redacted] on numerous occasions, was present at meetings of the JOHN REED CLUB when ANNA M. ROSENBERG was also present. [redacted] reportedly told BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN that this ANNA M. ROSENBERG is identical with the ANNA M. ROSENBERG whose picture he has seen in the newspapers describing her as recently having been appointed to the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense.

The Informant went on to say that the affidavit indicates that [redacted] in either 1934 or 1935, received word from the Secretary of the JOHN REED CLUB to the effect that all records of the JOHN REED CLUB must be destroyed before the close of business that day and that no records of any kind, particularly membership records, were to remain in existence after the receipt of these instructions to destroy them.

Confidential Informant New York City T-1 advised further that he understands the above mentioned affidavit contains information to the effect that [redacted] described ANNA M. ROSENBERG as one of the founders of the publication "Science and Society," which [redacted] described as a "Communist cultural

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"organ to be employed by the top fraction of the Communist sympathizers in their campaign to communize the thinking of the unsuspecting public."

It was also stated by the Informant that [ ] [ ] reportedly advised BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN that ANNA M. ROSENBERG had designated his, [ ] to work in the educational field and to plant Communist agents in the educational system in New York City.

Continuing, the Informant stated he understands this affidavit contains an allegation by [ ] to BENJAMIN FREEDMAN that ANNA M. ROSENBERG, recently appointed as Assistant Secretary of Defense, "okayed" the appointments of HENRY ALSBERG, JOSEPH BAKER, and AUBREY WILLIAMS to positions with the United States Government. [ ] reportedly described ALSBERG and BAKER as having been anarchists before joining the Communist Party and he indicated that AUBREY's record "speaks for itself."

According to the Informant, the affidavit reiterates [ ] statement that the picture in the newspapers of ANNA M. ROSENBERG, with whom he was acquainted through his attendance at meetings of the JOHN REED CLUB, is identical with the ANNA M. ROSENBERG identified by these pictures as the person recently appointed to the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Mr. BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN, Apartment 9-J, 300 Central Park West, New York City, was contacted on December 5, 1950 by Special Agents JOHN L. FAGAN and CHARLES D. SHORES. He was requested to furnish any information in his possession concerning ANNA M. ROSENBERG, specifically any information relating to her loyalty to the United States.

Mr. FREEDMAN stated that he did not care to answer any questions concerning ANNA M. ROSENBERG. He did indicate, however, that it was possible he might reconsider his decision in this regard after thinking the matter over.

Consequently, on December 6, 1950, Mr. FREEDMAN's residence was telephonically contacted, at which time the person answering the telephone stated that Mr. FREEDMAN was out of the city and that it was not known when he would return.



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On December 6, 1950, [redacted]

[redacted] was interviewed by Special Agents NORMAN E. McDANIEL and JAMES M. SKEFFINGTON.

He advised that in the summer of 1934 JAMES MC GRAW, a Communist Party member, and then editor of the "Rank and File Federationist," believed to be affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, interested him in attending meetings of the JOHN REED CLUB. He advised that MC GRAW later became a supervisor of writers in the Writers Project of the New York City WPA Office.

[redacted] stated that during the summer of 1934 JAMES MC GRAW pointed out one ANNA ROSENBERG to him at one of the gatherings of the JOHN REED CLUB, and told him that she was a Communist Party member. [redacted] stated that he himself joined the [redacted]

[redacted] He stated that he attended gatherings and meetings at the JOHN REED CLUB from the summer of 1934 until the dissolution of this club, but he could not furnish the date when it was disbanded.

He stated that during this period he observed ANNA ROSENBERG on four or five occasions at gatherings of the JOHN REED CLUB, and that he is positive in his own mind that Mrs. ANNA M. ROSENBERG, whose picture he observed in the "New York Times" Magazine Section within the last four or five weeks, who was recently appointed to the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense, is identical with the ANNA ROSENBERG whom he knew as a visitor to the JOHN REED CLUB, and who was pointed out to him by JAMES MC GRAW as a Communist Party member.

[redacted] stated that he does not recall the exact address or addresses where he observed ROSENBERG because of the fact that the JOHN REED CLUB was not a wealthy organization and frequently had to move its headquarters, in some instances for non-payment of rent. He recalled that at one time the club was located between Eighth and Ninth Streets near Sixth Avenue, and at another time was located in the building formerly known as the Civic Repertory Theatre, located on 14th Street between

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Sixth and Seventh Avenues. He stated that this building has been razed.

He also stated that the JOHN REED CLUB was not a completely Communist organization, although it was organized by Communists and dominated by them. He characterized it as "an open house" where a group of about two hundred fifty to three hundred "intellectuals" including artists, writers, poets and show people gathered. He stated that attendance at the various meetings and gatherings did not automatically establish that a person was a Communist or even a sympathizer or fellow traveler. However, he added that the majority of people frequenting this club were either Communists or sympathizers.

He stated that the club rooms were decorated with Soviet placards, pictures of LENIN and STALIN, a hammer and sickle, and other Russian decorations, and that a literature table was generally maintained which included the "Daily Worker," "Soviet Russia Today," and a long list of Communist publications and books by Communist authors and sympathizers. He stated that while an occasional visit would not label a person as a sympathizer, he felt that it would have been evident to anyone with any sense after their first visit to the JOHN REED CLUB that it was a Communist organization and his observation of ANNA ROSENBERG on four or five occasions was sufficient to convince him that she was a sympathizer and that, of course, the data furnished to him by McGRAW concerning her Communist Party membership established in his mind that she was different from the occasional visitor.

[ ] added that sometime between 1935 and 1937 he learned through a source, of whose identity he is not positive, but whom he believes to be JAMES MC GRAW, that the JOHN REED CLUB was to be disbanded and all records of membership and activities destroyed, reportedly upon orders from Communist Party Headquarters. He also added that JAMES MC GRAW told him at that time, that the club was being dissolved because membership in the organization was becoming an unsavory stigma from a political standpoint and was being disbanded because numerous members were achieving prominence in various fields and it was felt that if their membership became known it might hurt their chances for future progress.



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At that time he stated that someone, whom he can no longer recall, told him specifically to forget that ANNA ROSENBERG had ever been a member of the club and a Communist Party member, because she, in particular, was becoming very prominent. He added that many of the members of this organization later were employed in the Writers Project of the WPA in New York City, and that he understood that ANNA ROSENBERG had likewise become an official with the WPA.

He stated that he had never observed her before or after the four or five occasions mentioned above and had never positively identified the ANNA ROSENBERG who was with the WPA as the same one who was associated with the JOHN REED CLUB. He also stated that he had never observed her picture in the newspaper in connection with the WPA or any other type of activity through which he could positively connect the one with the WPA as being identical with the one in the JOHN REED CLUB. He stated, however, that it was "general knowledge" among Communists and members of the JOHN REED CLUB that the Mrs. ANNA ROSENBERG with the WPA was a person who wielded considerable power.

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To substantiate this, he stated that it was general knowledge that she had "okayed" HENRY ALSBERG and GERRE MANGIONE, JACOB BAKER and AUBREY WILLIAMS, for various Government jobs. He stated that ALSBERG was a known Communist "fronter," and he believed him to be a Party member. He stated that he believes ALSBERG is still around New York City, but he does not know his current address. He advised that there are two sources through which he might be located. He stated that ALSBERG had a deceased brother who formerly operated a chemical laboratory at 132 East 32nd Street, New York City, through which he might be located, and that ALSBERG, within the last ten years had published a one volume guide book to the United States, which was a compilation of various guide books printed by the WPA. He stated that this guide book is undoubtedly in the New York Public Library and was published by a reputable publisher through whom ALSBERG might be located.

In connection with JACOB BAKER, he stated that BAKER was formerly Deputy Assistant to HARRY HOPKINS, and is believed to be presently connected in New York City with the Association for Econometrics. [ ] advised that he is under the impression that JACOB BAKER was originally interested in Communism but had lost his interest, and possibly could furnish information.

✓ He checked the Manhattan telephone director and discovered one JACOB BAKER, 230 Park Avenue, Murray Hill 4-7800, whom he thought was probably identical with the above individual.

In connection with GERRE MANGIONE, he stated that at the trial of HARRY BRIDGES on the West Coast, he, [ ], had covered the trial for a newspaper and had observed that GERRE MANGIONE was in some way connected with publicity as an employee of the INS, and that GERRE MANGIONE was later fired from the INS because of his Communist activities. He stated that he did not feel it necessary to make any comments concerning the background of AUBREY WILLIAMS, since WILLIAMS' record speaks for itself.

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He stated that he had no specific knowledge as to the exact jobs held by these individuals or the exact agencies of the Government by which they were employed or the manner in which Mrs. ROSENBERG exercised her influence in "okaying" them.

Continuing, [redacted] stated that [redacted]

He stated that [redacted] at which time JACOB BAKER, one of those mentioned above as having been "okayed" by Mrs. ROSENBERG, advised [redacted] that he knew that she was a [redacted] and he was instrumental in appointing her to the [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he himself became [redacted]

[redacted] He stated that as a result of his own employment and that of [redacted] he had had the opportunity to learn Communism both from the standpoint of a regular member, as well as from the standpoint of an insider at Headquarters. He stated that at no time had he ever observed ANNA ROSENBERG at Party Headquarters.

He advised that sometime around 1934 or 1935 ANNA ROSENBERG first became prominent in connection with social work and founded a social work magazine, the name of which he cannot recall. He added that shortly after this, sometime between 1936 and 1938, she helped form the magazine known as "Science and Society."

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[ ] pointed out that the previously mentioned article in the "New York Times" Magazine Section through which he identified Mrs. ANNA M. ROSENBERG came out a short while prior to the announcement of her appointment to the position as Assistant Secretary of Defense. He stated that this article was written by an individual whom he recognized as a "Party line follower", but whose name he could not immediately recall. The name of the author, plus [ ] identification of ROSENBERG convinced him that this article was in the nature of a "build up" for ROSENBERG.

[ ] stated that he furnished a signed statement to BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN at 4:00 P.M. on December 5, 1950, containing a summary of the information available to him concerning ROSENBERG.

[ ] added that within the last two weeks he had received a call from HALLAM RICHARDSON, described by him as an attorney in Brooklyn, New York, who is "interested in this case." He stated that he did not know the nature of RICHARDSON'S interest.

[ ] stated that when RICHARDSON called him, he, RICHARDSON, read off a list of names of individuals who had signed some sort of a petition, many of whom [ ] immediately recognized as Communists or Communist sympathizers. RICHARDSON called [ ] for the purpose of getting [ ] description of these individuals and at the end of the telephone call, RICHARDSON asked [ ] "Did you know that ANNA M. ROSENBERG also signed this petition?". [ ] then quoted from his memory the names of the individuals concerning whom RICHARDSON requested information which included the following, most of whom he described as either Communist Party members or sympathizers:

VINCENT J. JEROME  
HERBERT APTHEKER  
ANNA LOUISE STRONG  
GRACE HUTCHINS  
ANNA ROCHESTER  
JOSEPH PAS

HARRY POTAMKIN (deceased) - head of the Communist youth movement in New York City in the 1930's.

MICHAEL GOLD - currently a writer for the "Daily Worker."

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It is noted that he stated that all of the individuals named previously in this report, with the exception of BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN and HALLAM RICHARDSON, were members of the John Reed Club.

In an effort to secure sources of substantiation, [ ] was questioned at length concerning his contemporaries in the John Reed Club and their close friends, etc. He furnished the names of the following individuals and descriptive data relative to them and indicated that each was a possible source of information, although, he knows that some of them are still engaged in Communist Party activities.

JAMES MC GRAW -- In addition to the information set forth above concerning this individual, [ ] stated that MC GRAW was definitely a Communist Party member. He stated that MC GRAW organized a Marxist study group which operated between 1930 and 1935. He does not know his present whereabouts, but has seen him within the last year on several occasions in the neighborhood of Fifth Avenue and 48th Street and believes that he is employed somewhere in that neighborhood. He stated that MC GRAW was a close friend of HENRY ALSBERG.

ROBERT M. HANOVER -- Formerly an official of the Soviet American Securities Corporation, which group was not supposed to participate in any propaganda work, according to the Registration Act of 1938. At this time, HANOVER was also the Director of Agitation and Propaganda of Section 18 of the Communist Party.

[ ] stated that the Dies Committee had subpoenaed him on one occasion in connection with his activities, but he had been an uncooperative witness. He had an uncle using the Communist Party name of MAT HALL, whose real name is unknown, according to [ ] ROBERT M. HANOVER is a nephew of ELIZABETH DE WARD.

ROBERT VERN DE WARD -- This individual lived at 3 Weehauken Street in Greenwich Village and [ ] attended parties at his home which were attended by other members of the John Reed Club. He was a Communist Party member and a close friend of JAMES LECHAY, mentioned below. [ ] identified ROBERT VERN DE WARD of 69 Perry Street, telephone CHelsea 3-8410, New York City, as being identical with the above individual. He was formerly a Communist Party Section Organizer on the Waterfront, according to [ ]



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ELIZABETH DE WARD, wife of the above -- A Communist Party member and former Secretary to the Educational Director of the Communist Party, 35 East 12th Street. She is currently a teacher in the New York Public School System, according to DE SOLA.

Both of the DE WARDS are probably still loyal Communists, DE SOLA said.

KURT TEXTOR -- No information concerning him, except that he was a member of the John Reed Club. [ ] stated he may be able to furnish additional data on this individual at another time.

BRADLEY CUTLER and wife, VILLA CUTLER -- formerly resided on East 14th Street on the northside between Fifth Avenue and Union Square. He conducted Marxist study groups in his home. Both were Communist Party members.

TAMARIS -- a dancer. Member of John Reed Club. Can probably be identified through a theatrical agency.

MAXINE PICARD, also known as MAXINE BRAND -- An artist and sculptress, who formerly occupied a studio on 95th Street, New York City. Is believed to be presently residing at 117 West 13th Street. Is better known by the name of MAXINE PICARD. A member of the John Reed Club when DE SOLA was a member.

ISIDORE AND HELEN SCHNEIDER, 381 Central Park West, New York City -- HELEN used to be a receptionist at the "Daily Worker". ISIDORE was formerly editor of "New Masses" and believed currently employed by "Masses and Mainstream". Both are still in New York City. [ ] passed them on the street Thanksgiving of 1950. Both were members of the Communist Party and John Reed Club.

IRVING AND STELLA BUCHWALD -- Current telephone directory reflects residence of STELLA BUCHWALD as 215 East 12th Street (Gramercy 7-3662). STELLA'S sister, first name

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unknown, operated a camp frequented by Communist Party members near Peekskill, New York, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] He cannot recall her name. Both were members of the John Reed Club.

PHILIP REISMAN, an artist, and his wife, PENINA ISHKISHKOFF REISMAN -- Both former Communist Party members and John Reed Club members who resided in the Columbia Heights Section of Brooklyn. He reportedly broke with the Communist Party and may be a source of information. He formerly operated a studio somewhere near 38th Street and Sixth Avenue.

MISS ISHKISH -- A poetess, who frequently wrote for Communist publications and who resided in Staten Island. She is a sister of PENINA REISMAN.

JAMES LECHAY -- An artist and Communist Party member who formerly resided at 3 Weehauken Street, New York City. He is a member of the John Reed Club.

IVAN BLACK -- A Communist Party and John Reed Club member, in charge of dance publicity, WPA project. Has an office at 400 Madison Avenue (PLaza 5-4760). Resides at 12 East 63rd Street, TE 8-0588.

ALINE MAC MAHON -- An actress and member of the Equity Council. Was recently mentioned in "Red Channels". John Reed Club member.



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On December 6, 1950, [redacted] was interviewed by Special Agents JAMES E. SEARS and SIDNEY E. HOWE at her home, [redacted]

[redacted] but she prefers to be called [redacted] During the course of this interview, the following signed statement was obtained:

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"I, [redacted], make the following voluntary statement to James E. Sears and Sidney E. Howe who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I recall meeting Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg in only one instance. Sometime during 1936 in connection with a dispute on the W. P. A. writers project, of which I was a member, I appeared before Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg with a group of the writers from the W. P. A. project. The exact nature of the dispute I am unable to recall at this time, nor am I able to remember whether more than one person heard the dispute. I am able to recall that Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg was the arbiter, or one of the arbiters, to this dispute, but the other exact circumstances of the dispute, I am unable to recall at this time. However, I was able to remember that this Anna Rosenberg who heard the previously mentioned dispute was the same person whose picture I have seen recently in the newspapers as having been appointed Assistant Secretary of Defense.

"I formerly attended meetings of the John Reed Club and cannot remember Anna M. Rosenberg, whose picture appeared in the newspaper as having been appointed as Assistant Secretary of Defense, as having ever been a member, or having attended meetings of the John Reed Club held in various places on the lower West Side of Manhattan. I did not attend all of the meetings of the John Reed Club, nor was I a member or an official of the John Reed Club. I was a member of the Communist Party from approximately [redacted] and I do not recall having seen Anna M. Rosenberg, whose picture appeared in the newspaper as having been appointed Assistant Secretary of Defense, at any unit meeting of the Communist Party which I attended, nor can I recall her name ever being mentioned in connection with any Communist or Communist Party activity.

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"I have read the foregoing statement consisting of this & one other page, & declare that it is true to the best of my recollection. I have initialled corrections which appeared on pages 1 & 2.

/s/ [redacted]

"Witness: James E. Sears, SA  
FBI, New York, New York

Sidney E. Howe, SA  
FBI, New York, New York"

[redacted] stated that she had not regularly attended the JOHN REED CLUB during the time that this organization functioned at New York City. She did not consider herself a member of the JOHN REED CLUB and the only persons she is able to recall at this time, who were possibly officials or who regularly attended meetings of the JOHN REED CLUB, are MIKE GOLD, JOE FREEMAN, and SENDER GARLIN. She is not positive that these individuals had any official connection with the organization, but at this time these are the only names which she can recall as having been associated with the JOHN REED CLUB when it was in operation at New York City. She believes JOE FREEMAN to be the only one of the above mentioned who has severed his connection with the Communist Party. In her opinion, attendance at meetings of the JOHN REED CLUB did not of itself indicate membership in the Communist Party. She felt the JOHN REED CLUB might possibly have been a Communist front rather than a "Communist Party unit". As she recalls the organization, she feels that it might have been used as a propaganda arm by the Communist Party for the purpose of attracting writers, artists, and intellectuals to the cause of the Communist Party.

[redacted] stated that she was a member of a "Communist Party unit" but that she is unable to recall the name of the unit or places where it met during the period of her membership. The only information that she is able to furnish at this time regarding the unit is that it was a neighborhood unit in Greenwich Village, New York City. [redacted] stated that she was a member of the Communist Party from approximately [redacted] and that during a part of this period she was the [redacted]

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When asked about the publication, "Science and Society", she said she is not well acquainted with it but, from her knowledge of it, she considers it an organ which was intended to appeal to persons with scientific and technical inclinations, and to influence the thinking of the technically-minded in the direction of Communist Party tenets. She had never heard that Mrs. ANNA M. ROSENBERG was in any way connected with this publication.

In commenting further on her own background, she said she was employed by [redacted]

[redacted] during the time she was active in Communist Party functions. On leaving the W. P. A. project, she [redacted] and had no further connection with the movement. At no time, according to the interviewee, did she ever attempt to influence the placing of teachers in the New York City Public School System or in any other educational system, nor had she any information reflecting that ANNA ROSENBERG was in any way interested in Communist infiltration within the public school system or any Governmental agency.

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With respect to [redacted] statement that she

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it is noted she denies any connection with this magazine even to the extent of ever having submitted an article to it for publication.

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Concerning the interview of BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN, who was contacted at 9:35 p.m. on December 5, 1950, by SAS JOHN L. FAGAN and CHARLES D. SHORES, the following information is being called to the Bureau's attention concerning his unwillingness to cooperate with the FBI.

After the Agents identified themselves, FREEDMAN invited them to enter the apartment. He then proceeded to conclude a telephone call in which he was engaged. Thereafter he asked the Agents the reason for their "having honored" him with this visit. He was told that the FBI was interested in securing from him any information in his possession concerning ANNA M. ROSENBERG. FREEDMAN stated he could not understand why the Agents should visit him in the evening without his having been notified by the Special Agent in Charge. At that point he again asked the Agents to identify themselves and made a record of their names.

FREEDMAN inquired as to the reason for the FBI's interest in ANNA ROSENBERG and was told that the FBI was interested in connection with her possible employment by the Federal Government. He stated he had nothing to tell the FBI and that, as far as he was concerned, the Agents could leave. He further advised that the Agents could take him along with them if they so desired but that he had no intention of talking. At this point he was advised the Agents had no such intention and the purpose of the visit to him was reiterated. When FREEDMAN again expressed doubt as to the legitimacy of the Agents' visit, he was told he could verify this fact by contacting the New York Office. He refused to do so.

FREEDMAN next advised the Agents that the FBI had let him down on a previous occasion. He then referred to an alleged Civil Rights violation which occurred at Nyack, New York, several years ago and another Civil Rights incident he claimed occurred in Hollywood, California. He did not furnish any further information regarding the latter incident.

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In connection with the Civil Rights case in Rockland County, he advised that the FBI had conducted an investigation and that nothing ever came of the matter. He claimed to have been a speaker at a Republican County Club in Rockland County and to have been prevented from making his appearance. He indicated that the Jewish War Veterans and the B'nai Brith had used influence to dismiss the case. He intimated that the present visit might have been due to the influence of some outside agency, but was assured that such was not the case.

He stated in connection with the Civil Rights case in Rockland County that an FBI Agent met him at Penn Station, New York City, told him the case had to be closed, and asked him to sign a statement. It was stated to Mr. FREEDMAN that this procedure was foreign to the FBI and that the FBI was a fact-finding agency, and, as such, made no decisions regarding prosecutive action. He then stated that the FBI was a "wheel within a wheel."

In connection with the above-mentioned Rockland County incident, the report of SA JOHN R. SWEENEY, dated December 1, 1947, at New York, entitled "ROBERT MAIDMAN; THEODORE PETERZELL, UNKNOWN SUBJECTS: BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN - VICTIM: CIVIL RIGHTS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE," reflects that FREEDMAN founded the League For Peace With Jews in Palestine, an anti-Zionist organization, on May 9, 1946, and had received numerous complaints and threats from fellow Jews for stating that Zionism was political in character. This report indicates that FREEDMAN was invited to speak before the Republican Club of Spring Valley, New York, on November 12, 1947, and that FREEDMAN was to talk on "Danger of Political Zionism to Both Jews and Christians Alike." The report reflects that FREEDMAN was confronted by three members of the Jewish War Veterans of America in the meeting hall and told he would not be allowed to speak and that FREEDMAN summoned the Chief of Police and Mayor of Spring Valley, who failed to take any action.



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In connection with the report of SA JOHN R. SWEENEY in this matter, the Bureau advised on December 15, 1947, that the information was furnished to T. VINCENT QUINN, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, who advised on November 28, 1947, that no further investigation was desired for the reason that the acts complained of which seemed to have the effect of depriving the victim of his constitutional right of free speech were committed by a collection of private individuals. Mr. QUINN pointed out that such a constitutional right is one protected by Federal law against official action only, and that protection of an individual from mob action rests entirely with the police laws of the state.

During the course of the interview, FREEDMAN mentioned that the court had thrown out the JUDY COPLON conviction having stated in effect that "You fellows didn't know your business." He also asked why the FBI didn't go after fellows like DEAN ACHESON and ALEXANDER BITTLEMAN, and he criticized the American foreign policy. FREEDMAN was told that it was not within our realm to agree or disagree with him regarding foreign policy and that we came to see him because we understood he had some information relative to ANNA M. ROSENBERG. He stated that he had lost faith in the FBI because of the above-mentioned Civil Rights cases, and that as far as ANNA M. ROSENBERG was concerned he was going to do business with the United States Congress. He also stated that he had no confidence in the Executive Branch of the Government.

During the latter part of the interview, FREEDMAN was more amiable and said he would do anything he could for the FBI, but that in this instance he was going to follow the dictates of his conscience. He indicated that he might have been more receptive had he been notified of the meeting. He was asked if there would be a possibility of a later appointment and he said perhaps he would agree to a future interview. The Agents left the FREEDMAN apartment at 10:30 p.m. with the understanding that FREEDMAN possibly would be telephonically contacted the following day.



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On December 6, 1950, pursuant to Bureau instructions, telephone contact was had with the apartment of Mr. FREEDMAN. The person answering the telephone stated that Mr. BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN was presently out of town and that the time of his return was not known.

Concerning [redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was [redacted]

[redacted] and that he expected him in later in the evening.

[redacted] advised that [redacted]

[redacted] stated that she had observed letters directed to [redacted] postmarked Rio de Janeiro within the last several months, and as recent as last week. She added that in addition, she had been advised by a tradesman, name unknown, who formerly called at the building, that [redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted] had resided [redacted]

[redacted] He pointed out that a telegram had been received at the house for [redacted] which was marked 7:31 p.m., and delivered shortly thereafter on the evening of December 5, 1950. He also pointed out that two detectives of the precinct located at 150 West 68 Street, New York City, had called earlier in the evening to see [redacted] and in his absence left a note requesting him to call them upon his arrival. By observation of the note it was determined that these detectives were named CLANCY and NATORE.

It is noted that [redacted] mentioned above, was subsequently determined to be not identical with the [redacted] mentioned in FREEDMAN's statement, but that the statement refers to [redacted] also known as [redacted] and with whom he is not on speaking terms, according to his own admission.

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It is noted that Dr. GELLER and his wife were somewhat surprised that a telegram, two detectives and two FBI Agents should all arrive at the house in one evening. They were both very curious, and no information was given to them, but they were specifically assured that under no circumstances should this be considered as a reflection upon [redacted]

[redacted] arrived at about 12:20 a.m. December 6, 1950. He was specifically asked if it would be inconvenient for him to talk with the Agents at that hour, and he stated that an interview would not inconvenience him, and he invited the Agents into his apartment.

Almost immediately after entering the apartment he telephoned Detective CLANCY, mentioned above, who requested of him the address of [redacted] furnished it as [redacted]

Immediately after completing this call, [redacted] received a call from BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN, mentioned above, whom this office was also attempting to interview separately on the evening of December 5, 1950. From the tenor of the conversation, Agents received the impression that FREEDMAN was attempting to induce [redacted] to refrain from furnishing any information to the FBI. It is noted at this point that the Agents were aware that in an attempt to interview FREEDMAN earlier in the evening, he was uncooperative.

[redacted] mentioned after this telephone call that FREEDMAN had stated that he had been visited by several sets of agents from different agencies, both Governmental and private. [redacted] stated that FREEDMAN told him that he had been visited by two agents of some league, either the Anti-Defamation League or the B'nai Brith organization, and had also been visited by two Agents from the FBI. [redacted] stated that he received the impression that the agents from the Anti-Defamation League or B'nai Brith were working in behalf of Mrs. ANNA M. ROSENBERG, although not directly employed by her.

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[ ] stated that he did not know FREEDMAN'S exact occupation, but he knew him to be a wealthy man who has engaged in a variety of fields in the capacity of a promoter. For example, he pointed out that FREEDMAN promoted the sale of a certain type of soap; he had devised a method of drawing tungsten wire at the end of the first World War which made him prominent; and that he had also perfected a system of extracting manganese ore which was far advanced of any previously known method.

He stated that FREEDMAN'S "angle" seems to be that of a loyal American, who is anti-Communist, and who is utilizing his private means to defeat Communism. He indicated that he enjoyed good relations with FREEDMAN and when approached concerning a signed statement stated, "You don't have to take a statement from me, you can go over to FREEDMAN and secure the one I gave him this afternoon." He evidently was unaware that FREEDMAN had refused to cooperate with agents earlier in the evening, even in spite of the fact that FREEDMAN later called him in the presence of agents and apparently asked him not to furnish any information to the agents.

It is noted here that FREEDMAN, who was the victim in a Civil Rights case investigated by this office, hired HALLAM RICHARDSON, as his attorney.

As will be noted in the foregoing, [ ] identification of Mrs. ANNA M. ROSENBERG depends strongly upon his recollection of her appearance in the years 1934-1935 and his subsequent identification of her within the last four weeks, plus the statement of JAMES MC GRAW that she was a Communist Party member, and certain other isolated items which he identifies with Mrs. ANNA M. ROSENBERG.

In connection with the magazine "Science and Society," [ ] stated that he personally had turned copies of this magazine over to SA GEORGE J. STARR of the New York FBI Office, but that he is not certain that the particular issues which he furnished are the ones which reflect her membership. He stated that in any event Mr. GEORGE STARR might be able to render some assistance.

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[ ] stated that he did not desire to execute a signed statement if it was going to be used in some Congressional Hearing involving notoriety and publicity seeking. He stated he was willing to cooperate and furnish a signed statement if it was used for legitimate purposes to seek out the truth rather than as a means of ridiculing a witness such as has happened in many Congressional hearings.

[ ] agreed to furnish a signed statement to the agents and made an appointment for 9:15 A.M., Thursday, December 7, 1950.

It is noted that the telegram mentioned above which agents found upon their arrival was opened by [ ] and he permitted agents to examine it. It indicated that he was "invited" to attend a meeting of the Armed Services Committee at the above mention time and was signed by J. NELSON TRIBBY, Chief Clerk, Armed Services Committee.

In connection with the affidavit furnished by FREEDMAN to T-1, [ ] was specifically questioned concerning whether or not ANNA M. ROSENBERG was ever instrumental in placing Communists in the Educational System of the City of New York. He stated he had no knowledge of such activity. This is a direct contradiction to the data attributed to him as furnished in the statement by FREEDMAN.

The above interview began at 12:30 A.M. on December 6, 1950, and ended at 2:45 or 3:00 P.M. on December 6, 1950. The interview was conducted with the full consent of [ ]

[ ] is apparently a very intelligent and well informed individual. He is currently unemployed and worked until recently at the [ ]

It is noted that he stated that [ ] was not known by him to have had any close association with Mrs. ANNA M. ROSENBERG.

Concerning the John Reed Club, [ ] stated that ORRIC JOHNS, deceased, wrote a book concerning his life as a Communist and described the John Reed Club. The book was published by a reputable publisher and is probably on file at the New York Public Library and may possibly contain data regarding ROSENBERG.

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Will attempt to locate and interview those individuals mentioned in this report by [redacted] and [redacted]

The New York Office will give this case continuous attention.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informant mentioned in the report of SA JAMES M. SKEFFINGTON, dated December 6, 1950, at New York, is identified as follows:

T-1  who furnished the information to the Bureau.

REFERENCE: Bureau telephone calls to New York, 12/5/50.



cc-Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Pitzer

December 7, 1950

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~  
VIA LIAISON

Honorable George C. Marshall  
Secretary of Defense  
Washington 25, D. C.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S)  
1/17/51

My dear Mr. Secretary:

With reference to your request for information concerning Anna Marie Rosenberg, and in furtherance of the reports and information furnished to Mr. Larkin of your office on December 6, 1950, there are attached a copy of an investigative report covering inquiries recently conducted, a memorandum concerning Wesley Swift, and a memorandum concerning Benjamin Freedman.

The information concerning Swift and Freedman is furnished in compliance with the request of Deputy Attorney General Peyton Ford who advised me that you desired any information in the files of this Bureau pertaining to Swift and Freedman and to [redacted] Information concerning [redacted] [redacted] was furnished to Mr. Larkin on December 6, 1950.

Some information regarding Freedman was also furnished to Mr. Larkin. The information in the attached memorandum regarding Freedman supplements it.

With regard to the memorandum concerning Wesley Swift, it is to be noted that Mr. Peyton Ford requested that you be furnished any information in the files of this Bureau pertaining to Doctor Wesley Swift, 251 Park View, Los Angeles, California, however, the files of this Bureau do not contain any information which can be identified with him. Our files do reflect information concerning a Doctor Wesley Swift of Lancaster, California who is also known as the Reverend Wesley Swift. The information pertaining to him is contained in the memorandum which is attached, however, it is to be emphasized that it is not possible from the limited information furnished to determine whether or not he is identical with

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Honorable George C. Marshall  
Secretary of Defense

the individual in whom you are interested. The information concerning Freedman and Swift was abstracted from the files of this Bureau and it is to be emphasized that no investigation has been conducted concerning these individuals.

The report concerning Mrs. Rosenberg is for your confidential information and it is requested that the sources of information contained therein be protected and that the contents not be divulged to unauthorized persons. It is particularly desired that every precaution be taken to prevent any of the information contained in the report, or the sources thereof, from becoming known to the subject of this investigation.

The investigation in this matter is continuing and you will be furnished with additional reports as soon as possible.

With assurances of my highest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Attachments

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. *Rosen*

FROM : Mr. *Callan*

SUBJECT: ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

DATE: December 7, 1950

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In view of the fact that Mr. Peyton Ford by memorandum dated December 6, 1950, requested that we furnish any information in our files on Doctor Wesley Swift of 251 Park View, Los Angeles, California, to Secretary Marshall and in view of the fact that the memorandum from Mr. J. P. Mohr to Mr. Tolson dated January 5, 1950, referred to Doctor Wesley Swift as living at 257 Park View, Los Angeles, California, and further in view of the fact that while we had a great deal of information on a Doctor Wesley Swift we could not determine from the files of the Bureau whether or not he was identical with the individual in whom Secretary Marshall was interested. I called the Los Angeles Office at approximately midnight and talked to Special Agent Joseph Abernathy who was on duty.

I explained that we had exhausted every possible end making a check of our Los Angeles telephone books to try to determine if the individual with whom Secretary Marshall was interested was identical with the individual on whom we had a great deal of information by the name of Wesley Swift without success. I asked him, therefore, to check the indices and the files of the Los Angeles Office and to check his telephone books, particularly his crisscross telephone book, city directories and any other source he might have in the Los Angeles Office in an effort to determine whether these two individuals were identical. Mr. Abernathy was instructed, however, to conduct no investigation in this regard but to confine his efforts to various records and files available at the Los Angeles Office.

Agent Abernathy called me back at 2:45 a.m. and advised that he made an exhaustive check of all of the files, records, crisscross telephone books and all other sources available to the Los Angeles Division and that without conducting investigation it would be impossible to determine whether these two individuals were identical. I told him not to do this in the absence of further instructions to the Bureau.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD  
 FROM : A. H. BELMONT  
 SUBJECT: ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG

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When the reports on the above-named individual were given to Felix Larkin of the Secretary of Defense he stated he had reviewed the reports previously submitted to him and had the following questions and desired that the Bureau, if possible, give him the answers to these questions:

(1) What is the background of James Magraw, who was responsible for [redacted] joining the Communist Party?

(2) What is the background of the Anna Rosenberg who was the founder of "Science and Society", a Marxist quarterly magazine? Is this Anna Rosenberg a writer and also a member of the John Reed Club?

Larkin also desired to know where the information was obtained in the report of SA Edgar A. Stewart, dated April 12, 1943, at Washington, D. C., especially the information contained on page 3 thereof which listed six Anna Rosenbergs as members of the John Reed Club. According to Larkin, this information was obtained from the Dies Committee and he desired to know exactly where in the Dies Committee report this could be found.

Larkin also wanted to know on what page of the Dies Committee report the [redacted] could be located. He desired this because of the fact that he had been informed that when [redacted] before the Dies Committee that he had identified members of the Communist Party who were Government employees but that he failed to include among those whom he knew to be Communists the subject, Anna Rosenberg. Larkin also desired to know if the Bureau has been able to identify the six Anna Rosenbergs mentioned in page three of Agent Stewart's report and if the Bureau knows if any of these Anna Rosenbergs was a member of the John Reed Club.

Larkin stated that he had discussed some of these matters with Mr. Rosen, Assistant Director, but he was not sure if he had called all of these problems to Mr. Rosen's attention and, accordingly, this is being made a matter of record.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. NICHOLS

FROM : M. A. JONES

SUBJECT: MRS. ANNA ROSENBERG  
FULTON LEWIS NEWS PROGRAM  
WEAM (MUTUAL)  
7:00 P.M., December 6, 1950

DATE: December 7, 1950

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Fulton Lewis, on his news program last night, dealt at some length on his investigation of Mrs. Anna Rosenberg's membership in the Communist Party. He stated that she gave a statement before the Senate Armed Services Committee, after which Senator Tydings said the whole question of Mrs. Rosenberg's affiliation with or membership in the Communist Party was "based on the case of mistaken identity." He said Mrs. Rosenberg testified that 94 persons in the New York telephone directory were named Anna Rosenberg and that she was "not the one."

Lewis said that in order to clarify this matter he sent his man, Ed Nellor, to New York to interview [redacted], who furnished an affidavit to Nellor to the effect that [redacted] had been a member of the John Reed Club of the Communist Party of New York subsequent to September, 1934. He said that Mrs. Anna Rosenberg also was a member of this Club, a member of the Communist Party, and a prominent social worker. Because of her prominence she, like others, was required to keep her identity secret and to keep secret also her connection with the Club and the Communist Party. Lewis said that the affidavit clearly shows that [redacted] identifies the Anna Rosenberg, who was a member of the John Reed Club, as the same Anna Rosenberg who is now Assistant Secretary of Defense and the same woman who testified before the Armed Services Committee that she had never been a member of the John Reed Club.

Lewis said that [redacted] has cooperated with the FBI and that "FBI Agents were in New York today questioning [redacted] concerning his knowledge of her former associations. [redacted] is to be called before the Senate Armed Services Committee this Friday, at which time he will testify to substantially the same facts as set forth within the affidavit obtained by Lewis, according to the latter.

In conclusion, Lewis indicated there is grave doubt that Anna Rosenberg will be retained in her position.

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MEMORANDUM

RE: WESLEY SWIFT

AFFILIATION WITH KU KLUX KLAN:

Another Governmental Agency, engaged in personnel and security investigations furnished the following information concerning Dr. Wesley A. Swift: "During June 1945 Dr. Swift was reportedly organizing youth groups, the members of which would be under the control of the Ku Klux Klan without being aware of this fact. During July 1945 he was reportedly on the payroll of Gerald L. K. Smith. On July 4, 1945 at a meeting sponsored by Gerald L. K. Smith in Los Angeles, Dr. Swift, introduced by Smith, delivered a 'vicious' speech against the Jews. During August 1945 it was reported that the Ku Klux Klan might be included as a part of the Anglo-Saxon Society of Los Angeles. It was further reported that Dr. Swift, one of five ministers, was admitted into the Ku Klux Klan at Eagle Rock, California on August 10, 1945. On January 30, 1945 a reliable informant advised that Doctor Swift had sold a semi-automatic rifle to the informant, and was alleged to have had 1,000 rifles cached near Palmdale, California. The informant advised that any member of the Ku Klux Klan could purchase a rifle from Dr. Swift".

This same Governmental Agency advised that an article appeared in the "Los Angeles Examiner" on April 10, 1946 stating: "the Reverend Wesley Swift, Lancaster Minister and Ku Klux Klan Lecturer, walked out on Attorney General Kenny when questioned. Quo warranto papers were to be served on Swift and two other individuals. This action was to seek revocation of the Klan's charter to do business in California on the grounds that the non-profit organization's books and records had not been made available as required by law". This Governmental Agency advised that an article appearing in the April 24, 1946 issue of the "Los Angeles Times" stated: "Quo warranto proceedings were filed as a result of the revival of Klan activities in Big Bear Valley recently, following an address by Reverend Wesley Swift, an admitted Klansman".

On May 12, 1946 this same source advised that Doctor Wesley Swift was the Klan organizer in the Lancaster area. It advised that he reportedly arranged for Klansmen to usher at

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RE: WESLEY SWIFT

Gerald L. K. Smith's meetings. It was further reported that Doctor Swift had stayed at the home of Roscoe Alex Coffman, exposed former Ku Klux Klan leader.

On April 9, 1946 the same Governmental Agency advised that Doctor Swift had, on March 26, 1946, addressed an American Legion Post at Big Bear, California, outlining the principles of a revised "California Klan". This source advised that the Los Angeles Examiner at that time printed an article concerning the burning of crosses at Big Bear and Palm Springs and named Reverend Wesley Swift as a Klan leader.

The same source advised that Doctor Swift had given bi-monthly talks in connection with the Anglo-American Bible Study group in San Diego, California from June 1947 to June 1949 which were extremely anti-Semitic, anti-Negro and anti-Catholic.

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Mr. James F. Taylor who managed the ranch of Roscoe Alexander Coffman, reportedly a former leader of the Ku Klux Klan in California, advised in July 1946 that Reverend Wesley Swift of Lancaster, California was a frequent visitor to the ranch while Taylor resided there. The ranch was located at Fall Brook, California and Taylor was there from January 6, 1946 to April 8, 1946. Taylor advised that Swift and Coffman were very close friends.

Taylor advised that they frequently engaged in target practice with firearms on many occasions, and Coffman advised Taylor that Swift was an excellent gunsmith. On a number of occasions Coffman expressed his hatred of Jews and Communists to Taylor.

A deputy sheriff of Los Angeles County advised that he had ascertained that Coffman had purchased property in Lancaster for Swift's church there, and had also purchased a home for Swift.

(65-6580-15)

A confidential source of unknown reliability advised that Wesley A. Swift in June 1946 was one of four leaders of the Ku Klux Klan in southern California and that he claimed to be the Lower Pacific Coast Realm Organizer of the Klan. This source further advised that he had long been an associate of Gerald L. K. Smith having joined the Smith group through the efforts of one Jenathen Perkins. Both Reverend Wesley A.

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RE: WESLEY SWIFT

Swift and another Klan leader, Ray J. Schneider, according to this source, and another source of known reliability were regular attendants at the Gerald L. K. Smith meetings in Los Angeles and that newspaper photographs have been seen by them showing Swift sitting on the platform when Smith spoke. One of these photographs appeared in the Los Angeles Examiner, April 6, 1946.

A confidential source of unknown reliability advised that Reverend Wesley A. Swift attended a meeting of the Ku Klux Klan held at the home of one Leon Corey at Alhambra, California on April 12, 1946.

A deputy sheriff of Los Angeles County who investigated Swift advised that he had determined that Swift obtained much financial assistance from one Coffman who owned a ranch at Fall Brook, California and that Coffman had purchased property for Swift's church at Lancaster and had also purchased a home for Swift. (\*)

In December 1946 a confidential source who was a member of the Klan advised that the Ku Klux Klan, in California had ceased to hold open meetings, and had formed a club known as the "The Great Pyramid Club". Meetings of this club were held at the North Star Auditorium at 1631 West Adams Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. This source furnished an admission card for this club. He further advised that at a meeting held at the above address on December 12, 1946, the Reverend Wesley Swift, a minister from Lancaster, California was the featured speaker. (The confidential source is [redacted])

(100-7801-365)

The April 11, 1946 edition of the Los Angeles Sentinel carried an article to the effect that "KKK Menaces Negro Homes", in which it is related that the KKK has been revived at Big Bear Lake, a mountain resort town in San Bernardino County, with the imposition of race restrictive covenants "coupled with open violence against members of the minority groups who tried to purchase homes in the area". It was further reported that State Attorney General Robert W. Kenny declared that there was a secret network of race restrictions planned to bar Negroes, Jews and other unwanted groups from Big Bear. Kenny was reported to have said that Neil Bowser, Deputy Sheriff of

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\*The confidential source of unknown reliability is [redacted] who has investigated on behalf of the Anti Defamation League. The source of known reliability is [redacted] The [redacted]

(100-7801-192)

RE: WESLEY SWIFT

Los Angeles County "would bear watching" for his alleged KKK affiliation. According to the article, Bowser allegedly admitted he was a close associate of Dr. Wesley Swift, Klan leader for a number of years, but that Bowser had denied Klan membership. (100-135-26-184, pg 5)

The April 6, 1946 issue of the "Los Angeles Examiner" reported that Attorney General Robert W. Kenny of the State of California had begun a wide scale investigation into the renewed activities of the Klan in this area and that Wesley A. Swift, Lancaster, California minister, had refused to give any information to Kenny's office. According to the article, the Attorney General's investigators reported that Swift had joined the Klan several years previously and that he had insisted that the burning of fiery crosses had not been with the intention to intimidate anyone.

This article also pointed out that Swift had appeared on the speakers' platform in Los Angeles with Gerald L. K. Smith and the article contained a photograph of these two persons. (100-7801-155)

The March 29, 1946 issue of "The Grizzly", a newspaper published at Big Bear Lake, California reported that Big Bear Lake Post 584 of the American Legion had been addressed by Dr. Wesley Swift, Pastor of the church at Lancaster, California, who reportedly told this meeting of the plans of the KKK in Bear Valley. The article reported that Swift said the Klan was in Big Bear Valley to stay and that they intended to form restrictive covenants in the Big Bear area and elsewhere in order to hold the line of "full Americanism". He also stated that the Klan intended to see that no Communist groups got into the Big Bear area. This article also quoted Swift as stating that Gerald L. K. Smith was the leader of the KKK and that he thereafter launched into a heated tirade against international Jewry and the Communists. (100-7801-155)

An article in the Los Angeles Tribune of April 20, 1946 stated in part that 5 Negroes had been run out of Big Bear in the past few weeks and Jews have been terrorized by the burning of fiery crosses and other means. According to

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RE: WESLEY SWIFT

the article, the American Legion questioned Rev. Wesley Swift, San Bernardino, Klansman, concerning the activities of the organization, at which time Swift is quoted as saying "I grant the Negro his right as an American citizen, but I also say he should not be allowed to inter-marry in the white race and should be kept in his rightful place". (100-135-26-148, pg 7)

A source of unknown reliability reported in February 1947 as follows concerning Wesley A. Swift:

"This pastor of the Christian Fellowship Church in Lancaster, California admitted to members of Attorney General Robert Kenney's staff, investigating Ku Klux Klan activities in California, that he is a member of the Klan and has been its spokesman at a number of meetings. He is a member of the California Pastors' Association, a Smith front organized in 1945. One of the staunchest supporters of Gerald L. K. Smith in California, Swift was the featured speaker at Gerald Smith's rallies in Cleveland, Denver and Minneapolis." (Source is Vol. 2 of "The Facts" published by Anti-Defamation League B'nai B'rith)

(94-37102-3) An officer of the Los Angeles Police Department advised in April 1949 that he had been advised by a Klansman, Ray Schneider, who is the former Grand Dragon of the Klan in Southern California, that Reverend Wesley Swift had become the head of the Klan in Southern California. (The officer is [redacted])

(100-7801-881, pg 23)

A Los Angeles Police Officer advised on February 8, 1949 that he had been informed by a reliable source that Rev. Wesley Swift, Lancaster, California, was at that time considered the leader of the Klan at Lancaster and that Rev. Swift recently attended meetings in La Crescenta, Montrose, and at places in the San Fernando Valley of California. (the officer is [redacted])

(100-7801-879)

A confidential informant, of known reliability, who is cognizant of KKK activity in the Los Angeles area, advised on August 31, 1949 that Dr. Wesley Swift is the organizer and director of the California Anti-Communist League, 862 South Flower, Los Angeles. He said this address is also used as a mailing address by the Pyramid Club and the Heart and Hand, an off-shoot of the KKK. Swift, he said, is the official speaker for the Pyramid Club, holding meetings in Los Angeles and San Diego. He said the organization functioning as the KKK in Southern California has no official name as such, and has no connection with the Association of Georgia Klans. Further, that they have no official meeting place and meet at irregular intervals in small groups at private homes. He said the purpose of the organization is to combat Communism and a program of non-violence is advocated in doing this. He also advised that the organization subscribes to the principles advocated by Gerald L. K. Smith and assists him when he appears in Southern California.

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Re: Wesley Swift

ASSOCIATION WITH GERALD L. K. SMITH:

An informant in Los Angeles, California, of unknown reliability, reported that Reverend Wesley Swift of Lancaster, California, gave the invocation at a meeting held at the Embassy Auditorium, Los Angeles, California, on May 31, 1945, at which Gerald L. K. Smith was the principal speaker. (Source: Inf. [redacted] Ref: 62-43818-757)

An informant in Los Angeles, California, of unknown reliability, advised that on June 4, 1945, Gerald L. K. Smith conducted a meeting at Ham'n Eggs Hall, Los Angeles and during its course introduced Reverend Wesley Swift of Lancaster, California, who, during his talk denounced Jews by innuendo. Reverend Swift sat on the platform, according to the informant, who also related that Reverend Swift of Lancaster, sat on the platform at Gerald L. K. Smith rallies held on June 18 and June 25, 1945, in Los Angeles. Source: Inf. [redacted] Ref: 62-43818-761

A law enforcement official in Los Angeles advised in the summer of 1945, that it was his belief that Wesley Swift was on Gerald L. K. Smith's pay roll, since he spent much of his time in Los Angeles where Smith maintained his headquarters at the time. (Source: [redacted] Ref: 62-43818-761-63)

An informant in Cleveland, Ohio, of unknown reliability, advised that at a Gerald L. K. Smith mass rally held in the Cleveland Public Auditorium on September 18, 1945, Reverend Wesley A. Swift of California led the meeting in a group prayer. Reverend Swift later addressed the meeting, according to the informant, and during his talk he decried a Communist influence in California, especially in the motion picture industry. Reverend Swift pointed out that the issue of racism had been injected not by the Nationalists, but rather by the left-wing Jews and Communists in California, according to this informant. (Source: Physical surveillance, Ref: 62-43818-791-2,3)

An anonymous source made available a printed circular announcing that Gerald L. K. Smith was scheduled to speak at the Northern High School, Detroit, Michigan, September 27, 1945. The circular further announced that Wesley A. Swift, West Coast Leader of Los Angeles, California, would talk on the subject "Christian Nationalism, America's Hope." (Source: Anonymous, Ref: 62-43818-788)

A summary prepared in September, 1945 by another Government agency which conducts personnel and intelligence investigations reported that Wesley A. Swift, West Coast Leader of Los Angeles, was scheduled to speak at Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, Missouri on the topic "Christian Nationalism, America's Hope." Gerald L. K. Smith was also scheduled to speak at the same meeting, according to the informant. (Source: G-2, Weekly Intelligence Summary; Ref: 100-7660-3440-2)

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Re: Wesley Smith

An informant of Denver, Colorado, of unknown reliability, advised that on October 9, 1945, Wesley Swift addressed a public meeting in the auditorium of the Womens Club, Denver, Colorado. Swift was introduced as the leader of the group of one-thousand California pastors supporting Gerald L. K. Smith, who also addressed the meeting. According to this informant, Swift gave a rapid-fire vicious talk assailing Communism and threatened that his group represented a majority in this country and intended to maintain control and obliterate any opposing minorities. This same Denver informant advised that during the course of a similar meeting in Englewood, Colorado on October 10, 1945, Reverend Wesley Swift made a few brief remarks, some of which were anti-Communist and anti-Semitic. During the course of his remarks he reportedly stated, "I will tell you what will happen in America. Christians are going to meet and have our elections in every ballot box. We are not going to vote for Jews. You can put that down! — You can tell your Jewish friends we will definitely occupy until Jesus comes." Source: [redacted]

An informant of St. Louis, Missouri, of unknown reliability, advised that he received a prospectus for the 62-43818-813 Christian Nationalist Convention to be held at St. Louis, August 20-21, 1948, and that Dr. Wesley A. Swift, Los Angeles, was slated to be one of the speakers. [redacted]

62-43818-944)

An anonymous source made available a circular letter captioned, "Christian Nationalist Crusade," announcing the convention to be held August 20-21, 1948 at St. Louis, Missouri. The letter was signed by Gerald L. K. Smith, and indicated that Wesley A. Swift, Los Angeles, California, was to be among the speakers. (Source: Anonymous; Reference 62-43818-948)

An officer of the St. Louis Police Department, who attended the mass meeting of the Christian Nationalist Movement in St. Louis on August 20-21, 1948, advised that approximately 150 persons attended the opening session which was addressed by Dr. Wesley Swift of California. According to this officer, the tenor of the remarks at the convention was anti-Negro, anti-Semitic and anti-Roosevelt. [redacted]

62-43818-986)

The September 25, 1948 issue of the "New Leader" contains a dispatch from St. Louis, Missouri, by Farrell Robert in which it was reported that Gerald L. K. Smith was unanimously nominated for President of the United States at the convention of the Christian Nationalist Party staged on August 20-21, at St. Louis. The item stated that "Wesley Swift, leading rabble-rouser and Klan apologist of the Los Angeles area" was, "among

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the bigots assembled by Smith for the convention." ("New Leader",  
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An informant of Long Beach, California, of unknown reliability, in March 1949, made available a leaflet announcing that Gerald L. K. Smith and Dr. Wesley Swift were to address a meeting at the Embassy Auditorium, Los Angeles, California, Monday, December 13 (year not stated), on the subject and theme:

Can a Christian America Survive the Red Plot  
and the Red Putsch.

or

Christ and His People Versus Stalin and His  
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The leaflet indicated that the public was invited and that the meeting was to be held under the auspices of the Christian Nationalist Crusade. (Source: [redacted])

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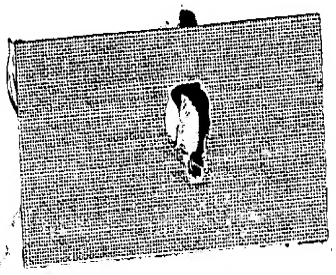
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ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB. SPECIAL INQUIRY.  PRESENTLY IN NYO EXECUTING SIGNED STATEMENT ON ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING ROSENBERG. NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE PHOTO OF ROSENBERG BEING OBTAINED AND TO BE EXHIBITED TO DE SOLA TODAY. TENTATIVE APPOINTMENT WITH HALLAM RICHARDSON ARRANGED THROUGH RICHARDSONS WIFE FOR INTERVIEW SEVEN THIRTY PM THIS DATE. BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN TO BE INTERVIEWED THREE PM, DEC. SEVENTH. LEADS IN NY REPORT DEC. SIXTH, FIFTY, BEING COVERED. ALL INFO OBTAINED WILL BE FURNISHED BUREAU BY TELETYPE.

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ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB. SI. [ ] STATES THAT ONE JAMES MAGRAW DURING THE SUMMER OF NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR INTERESTED [ ] IN ATTENDING MEETINGS OF THE JOHN REED CLUB, NYC. DURING SUMMER OF NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR [ ] STATES THAT JAMES MAGRAW POINTED OUT ONE ANNA ROSENBERG TO HIM AT ONE OF THE GATHERINGS OF THE JOHN REED CLUB AND TOLD DE SOLA THAT ROSENBERG WAS A CP MEMBER. NY INDICES REFLECT THAT JAMES MAGRAW WAS CP MEMBER AND ASISTANT DIRECTOR OF WPA WRITERS PROJECT, NYC, NINETEEN THIRTY SIX DASH FORTY. SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED TO BE EMPLOYED IN DEFENSE PLANT NEW JERSEY. LAST KNOWN RESIDENCE EIGHT TWO SIX GREENWICH ST., NYC. THIS INFO RECEIVED IN NINETEEN FORTY TWO. WFO REQUESTED TO CHECK RECORDS OF WPA WRITERS PROJECT FOR ANY INFO ON CURRENT OR PAST ADDRESSES OF SUBJECT MAGRAW. NY CHECKED EIGHT TWO SIX GREENWICH ST. WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NYC PD RECORDS NEGATIVE ON MAGRAW. ONI RECORDS NEGATIVE ON MAGRAW. NEWARK INDICES NEGATIVE OF ANY PERTINENT INFO. ON BASIS OF ABOVE DEFENSE EMPLOYMENT DURING NINETEEN FORTY TWO, IDENT DIVISION REQUESTED TO SEARCH NAME FILES AND FURNISH BY TELETYPE LEADS LEADING TO LOCATION OF MAGRAW.

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ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB, SI. ORRIC JOHNS, IN A BOOK ENTITLED "OUR LIVES" PUBLISHED BY STACKPOLE AND SONS IN NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN BY TELEGRAPH PRESS, HARRISBURG, PA., PAGE THREE FOUR TWO, THE AUTHOR JOHNS STATES IN SUMMER OF NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE HE HAD HEARD THAT HARRY HOPKINS WAS GOING TO FORM A FEDERAL PROJECT FOR UNEMPLOYED WRITERS, ARTISTS, AND MUSICIANS TO BE CALLED WPA CULTURAL PROJECTS. THE BOOK STATES, "I GOT IN TOUCH WITH THE WPA OFFICIALS IN NYC, GRACE GOSSELYN, WALTER LANGSDORF, AND MRS. ANNA ROSENBERG, WHO ARE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATORS UNDER U. L. JOHNSON WHO WERE PLANNING TO ESTABLISH FIRST OF ALL A NEWS WRITERS PROJECT. IT WAS UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE NY NEWSPAPER GUILD. I APPLIED FOR THE POSITION OF SUPERVISOR AND GOT IT."

JOHNS PROCEEDED TO STATE THAT LANGSDORF QUESTIONED HIM AND TOLD HIM THAT HE WAS KNOWN AS A "BOLSHIE". JOHNS REPLIED THAT HE WAS, BUT SO WAS EVERYBODY ELSE WHO WAS APPLYING AND HE THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD NOT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE. IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT BOOK DOES NOT STATE

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WHETHER OR NOT ROSENBERG WAS PRESENT DURING THIS INTERROGATION BY LANGSDORF, NOR WAS IT SPECIFICALLY STATED THAT ROSENBERG HERSELF PASSED ON JOHNS- APPLICATION WITH THIS DEPARTMENT. CONCERNING ALLEGATION THAT ROSENBERG HELPED FORM THE COMMUNIST QUARTERLY, "SCIENCE AND SOCIETY" DURING NINETEEN THIRTY SIX, THIS PUBLICATION WHICH IS ENTITLED, "SCIENCE AND SOCIETY" IS A MARXIAN PUBLICATION. A REVIEW OF THE FIRST YEAR-S PUBLICATION SHOWED THAT ANNA ROSENBERG-S NAME DID NOT APPEAR IN THE MASTHEAD NOR IN THE LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS TO THIS MAGAZINE. HOWEVER, IN SUMMER ISSUE OF NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN, PAGE FIVE SEVEN NAUGHT SHOWS THAT THE BOOK ENTITLED, "RURAL TREND IN DEPRESSION YEARS - A SURVEY OF VILLAGE AND AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITIES", WAS REVIEWED BY AN ANNA ROCHESTER. UACB ATTEMPTS WILL BE MADE TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW GRACE GOSSELYN AND WALTER LANGSDORF.

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ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB.

[REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THIS OFFICE THIS MORNING THAT SHE HAD SOME INFO THAT PROBABLY WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO THIS BUREAU IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECENT PUBLICITY REGARDING ANNA ROSENBERG. SHE WAS INTERVIEWED AT THE NY OFFICE ON THE AFTERNOON OF DEC. EIGHTH INSTANT. SHE RELATED THAT SHE HAD RECEIVED INFO FROM A MUTUAL FRIEND ON DEC. SEVENTH LAST THAT NATHAN GOODRICH, AN INVESTIGATOR FOR THE ARMED FORCES COMMITTEE /SENATOR TYDINGS /, HAD BEEN IN NY CITY ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN SOME INFO RELATIVE TO [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] SHE RELATED THAT SENATOR TYDINGS, OF COURSE, WOULD BE VERY ANXIOUS TO OBTAIN ANY DEROGATORY INFO POSSIBLE CONCERNING [REDACTED] AND WAS OF THE OPINION THAT THE INFO THEY WERE SEEKING CONCERNING [REDACTED] WAS IN AN EFFORT TO DISCREDIT HIM. SHE DECLARED THAT THERE IS A POSSIBLE FAMILY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN

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[REDACTED] BUT IT IS VERY REMOTE. [REDACTED]

HAVE BEEN QUITE FRIENDLY FOR MANY YEARS AND BOTH SHE AND [REDACTED]

KNEW THAT [REDACTED] WAS AT ONE TIME A COMMUNIST [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SHE RELATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE THAT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT

[REDACTED] MAY FIND OUT THAT [REDACTED] HAS

[REDACTED]

AND COMMENTING TO OTHERS THAT [REDACTED] WAS

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IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INVESTIGATION. WITH REGARD TO ANNA ROSENBERG, SHE STATED THAT SHE DID NOT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS SITUATION UNTIL SHE HAD HEARD FULTON LEWIS, JR. BROADCAST SEVERAL DAYS AGO, AND THAT A DAY OR TWO AFTER THIS BROADCAST, SHE RECEIVED A CALL FROM  IN WHICH HE INFORMED HER OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING HIS BEING

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MORE OR LESS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST ANNA ROSENBERG.

IT WAS HER RECOLLECTION AT THIS TIME THAT HE MENTIONED TO HER THAT HE HAD FIRST HEARD OF ANN ROSENBERG BEING A MEMBER OF THE JOHN REED CLUB FROM JOHN MC GRAW, WHOM HE DID NOT FURTHER IDENTIFY. WHEN ASKED IF SHE KNEW WHY [ ] HAD NOT COME FORWARD WITH THIS INFO PREVIOUSLY, SHE STATED IN TALKING TO HIM, SHE GAINED THE IMPRESSION THAT WHEN

[ ] FIRST SAW ANNA ROSENBERG-S PHOTO AND THE STORY CONCERNING HER BEING ATTACHED TO GEORGE MARSHALL-S STAFF, HE HAD SOME VAGUE RECOLLECTION THAT HE HAD KNOWN THIS WOMAN IN HIS COMMUNIST DAYS. HOWEVER, HE DID NOTHING MORE ABOUT IT UNTIL SOME FEW DAYS LATER WHEN HE WAS CONTACTED BY ONE DON SURENE, AN INVESTIGATOR FOR SENATOR MC CARTHY.

[ ] RELATED THAT SHE WAS QUITE SURE THAT BENJAMIN FRIEDMAN, WHO IS WELL KNOWN TO THIS OFFICE AND THE BUREAU FOR HIS ANTI-SEMITIC ATTACKS, HAD WRITTEN TO MANY PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON, PROBABLY INCLUDING SENATORS NIXON AND MC CARTHY BERATING ANNA ROSENBERG.

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THEREAFTER, IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT EITHER SENATOR MC CARTHY OR SENATOR NIXON CHECKED A KNOWN LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE JOHN REED CLUB IN THE EARLY THIRTIES, AND NOTED THAT [REDACTED] HAD BEEN A MEMBER, AND ALSO ASCERTAINED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SHE STATED THAT SHE IS OF THE OPINION THAT THEREAFTER, SENATOR MC CARTHY HAD SENT DON SURENE TO SEE [REDACTED] AND THAT THE QUESTIONING OF SURENE PROBABLY CEMENTED THE PREVIOUS THOUGHTS HE HAD HAD ABOUT ANNA ROSENBERG, AND AT THAT TIME DEFINITELY PLACED HER AS BEING IDENTICAL WITH THE PERSON HE KNEW AS ANNA ROSENBERG WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE JOHN REED CLUB IN THE EARLY THIRTIES. [REDACTED] WAS NOT INFORMED OF THE ALLEGATIONS OF [REDACTED] TO THE EFFECT THAT MCGRAW WAS THE INDIVIDUAL WHO INTRODUCED HIM AS A MEMBER OF THE JOHN REED CLUB WHEN ANNA ROSENBERG WAS PRESENT AND INDICATED AS A MEMBER OF THIS CLUB. SHE STATED THAT SHE, OF COURSE, HAD TALKED THIS MATTER OVER WITH [REDACTED] AND THAT THIS IS THE EXTENT OF HER KNOWLEDGE OF

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THE ENTIRE SITUATION. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] BOTH SHE AND [REDACTED] BELIEVE IMPLICITLY IN THE GOOD FAITH AND SINCERITY OF [REDACTED] SHE DID STATE, HOWEVER, THAT IF IT IS PROVED THAT [REDACTED] IS WRONG, THAT HIS STORY CONCERNING ANNA ROSENBERG WAS NOT PUT OUT FOR ANY SELFISH OR PERSONAL REASON, BUT WAS SIMPLY A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY. SHE ALSO STATED IN CONFIDENCE THAT SHE IS SOMEWHAT CONCERNED THAT [REDACTED] MAY FIND OUT THAT [REDACTED] OF THE WASHINGTON NEWS WEEK BUREAU HAD CONTEMPLATED WRITING A BOOK ABOUT THE FBI, THE THEME OF WHICH WOULD BE DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED TO THAT OF THE THEME OF MAX LOWENTHAL-S RECENT BOOK ABOUT THE BUREAU. SHE RELATED THAT [REDACTED] HAS RECENTLY SPOKEN TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR NICHOLS ABOUT THIS. SHE RELATED THAT THE ONLY PERSON SHE KNOWS WHO MIGHT POSSIBLY HAVE SOME INFO CONCERNING ANNA ROSENBERG WOULD BE BURTON ZORN, WHO IS A SUCCESSFUL PRACTICING ATTORNEY IN NYC,

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WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN A LABOR LAWYER, BUT WHO IS PRESENTLY ON MANAGEMENT-SIDE OF LABOR AND REPRESENTS SUCH CONCERNS AS UNITED PARCEL OF NEW YORK, NATIONAL BISCUIT AND SQUIBB. ZORN AND HIS WIFE HAD BOTH WORKED WITH ANNA ROSENBERG WHEN THE LATTER WAS IN CHARGE OF THE LABOR MEDIATION BOARD IN NYC DURING EX-MAYOR LA GUARDIA-S REGIME.

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ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB, SPECIAL INQUIRY. INFO FURNISHED THIS OFFICE BY ONE

THAT HE HAD OBSERVED ANNA M. ROSEBERG, NEWLY APPOINTED ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENCE, IN ATTENDANCE AT FOUR OR FIVE MEETINGS OF JOHN REED CLUB NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR THROUGH NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN, NYC.  STATES IT WAS GENERAL KNOWLEDGE THAT ANN ROSENBERG, WHO HE UNDERSTOOD SUBSEQUENTLY BECAME AN OFFICER OF THE WPA, HAD QUOTE OKAYED UNQUOTE AMONG OTHERS ONE GERRE MANGIONE, DESCRIBED BY DE SOLA AS A COMMUNIST OR COMMUNIST SYMPATHIZER, FOR VARIOUS GOVERNMENT JOBS.  DESCRIBES JOHN REED CLUB AS NOT A COMPLETELY COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION ALTHOUGH ORGANIZED BY COMMUNISTS AND DOMINATED BY THEM. DESCRIBES CLUB AS QUOTE OPEN HOUSE UNQUOTE WHERE A GROUP OF ABOUT TWO HUNDRED FIFTY TO THREE HUNDRED QUOTE INTELLECTUALS UNQUOTE,

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INCLUDING WRITERS, ARTISTS, POETS, AND SHOW PEOPLE, GATHER AND [REDACTED] STATED MAJORITY OF PEOPLE FREQUENTING THIS CLUB WERE EITHER COMMUNISTS OR SYMPATHIZERS. GERRE MANGIONE, REPORTED BY [REDACTED] TO HAVE BEEN CONNECTED WITH PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT OF THE INS, AND IT IS BELIVED THAT THIS GERRE MANGIONE IS IDENTICAL WITH JERRE MANGIONE, FORMER SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO COMMISSIONER OF INS, PHILA., AND SUBJECT OF PHILA. FILE ONE TWO ONE DASH NINE. MANGIONE, A FORMER MEMBER OF JOHN REED CLUB, NYC, AND FORMERLY EMPLOYED WPA WRITERS PROJECT, NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN THROUGH NINETEEN THIRTY NINE. SOURCE, NYC, ADVISED JERRE MANGIONE CAN BE LOCATED CARE OF NATIONAL WRITERS ASSOCIATION, PHILA. PA., AND IS BELIVED TO BE IN PHILA. AT PRESENT TIME. INTERVIEW MANGIONE RE HIS KNOWLEDGE OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG AND HER ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP IN JOHN REED CLUB NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR THROUGH THIRTY SEVEN. PHOTOGRAPH OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG BEING FORWARDED BY SEPARATE LETTER. EXPEDITE AND SUTEL.

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DIRECTOR URGENT

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB, SPECIAL INQUIRY. RE NY TEL TWELVE SEVEN FIFTY. [ ] AT ELEVEN THIRTY PM ON TWELVE SEVEN FIFTY SIGNED STATEMENT MENTIONED IN RE TEL. [ ] DEPARTING FOR WASH. D.C. TWELVE FIFTYFIVE AM TRAIN TWELVE EIGHT FIFTY. [ ] ADVISES HE LEARNED THAT DOCTOR J.B. MATTHEWS, WHO IS KNOWN TO BUREAU, HAS ALSO BEEN SUBPOENED TO TESTIFY ALSO ON DECEMBER EIGHTH, NINETEEN FIFTY BEFORE ARMED SERVICE COMMITTEE. [ ] SAID THAT HE HAD HEARD FROM AN INVESTIGATOR FOR ARMED SERVICE COMMITTEE THAT DR. J.B. MATTHEWS HAD CONDUCTED AN INVESTIGATION ON HIS OWN CONCERNING INSTANT STORY RE ANNA ROSENBERG BUT THAT MATTHEWS HAD BEEN UNABLE TO SECURE ANY INFO THAT ANNA M. ROSENBERG HAD EVER ATTENDED JOHN REED CLUB MEETINGS.

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 REED CLUB, SI. REREP OF SA JAMES M. SKEFFINGTON, DATED DEC. SIX,  
 FIFTY, AT NY. [ ] REINTERVIEWED DEC. SEVEN AND STATEMENT,  
 INCORPORATING RESULTS OF THIS INTERVIEW, BEING TYPED. STATEMENT  
 CONTAINED SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME INFO AS THE REFLECTED IN REF REPORT.  
 HOWEVER, [ ] ADVISES THAT THE PERSON WHO POINTED OUT ANNA ROSEN-  
 BERG AT THE JOHN REED CLUB, PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED AS JAMES MC GRAW,  
 WAS MISSPELLED AND THIS NAME SHOULD BE SPELLED JAMES MAGRAW. ATTEN-  
 TION IS DRAWN TO REPORT OF SA HERMAN O. BLY, DATED APRIL TWENTY THREE,  
 FORTY THREE, AT NY, CAPTIONED HENRY GARFIELD ALSBERG, CUSTODIAL DETEN-  
 TION-C. SAID REPORT MAKES MENTION OF JAMES MAGRAW AS A FRIEND OF  
 ALSBERG. IT IS NOTED THAT [ ] ALSO MENTIONED HENRY ALSBERG,  
 AS REFLECTED IN REF REPORT, SAYING THAT IT WAS COMMON KNOWLEDGE AT  
 CP HEADQUARTERS ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTY SIX, THAT ANNA ROSENBERG HAD  
 "OKAYED" HENRY ALSBERG FOR GOVERNMENT POSITION. [ ] STATED  
 THAT HE HAD PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENTS FOR THIS EVENING AND ACCORDINGLY  
 COULD NOT WAIT FOR TYPING OF STATEMENT. HE SAID THAT HE COULD BE  
 CONTACTED AT ELEVEN PM, DEC. SEVEN, FIFTY, AND WOULD THEN READ AND  
 SIGN TYPED STATEMENT. [ ] TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED

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EVENING OF DEC. SEVEN, FIFTY, IN ORDER THAT SHE MIGHT BE INTERVIEWED FURTHER, ADVISED THAT SHE IS LEAVING FOR WASHINGTON TONIGHT, DEC. SEVEN, FIFTY, IN ANSWER TO A SUBPOENA TO APPEAR BEFORE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE TOMORROW. SHE SAID THAT ACCORDINGLY SHE COULD NOT BE INTERVIEWED THIS EVENING, SINCE SHE MUST MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR TRIP. SHE DID ADVISE THAT SHE HAS NO FURTHER INFO TO FURNISH CONCERNING ANNA ROSENBERG, OTHER THAN THAT SET OUT IN HER SIGNED STATEMENT, APPEARING IN REF REPORT. SHE SAID THAT SHE INTENDED TO ADVISE THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE, UPON HER APPEARANCE BEFORE THAT COMMITTEE ON [REDACTED] OF THE SAME FACTS SHE FURNISHED TO AGENTS, AS SET OUT IN HER SIGNED STATEMENT. [REDACTED] ADVISES THAT HE HAS HEARD FROM SOME MEMBER OF ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE THAT ANNA ROSENBERG HAS CLAIMED THAT SHE IS NOT THE ANNA ROSENBERG WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE JOHN REED CLUB, AND THAT SHE HAS STATED THAT THERE WAS AN ANNA ROSENBERG, NOT IDENTICAL WITH HER, A WRITER, WHO WAS A COMMUNIST AND WHO RESIDED ON SIXTH AVENUE IN NYC. [REDACTED] BELIEVES THE LAST RESIDENCE MENTIONED WAS PROBABLY A RESIDENCE IN NINETEEN THIRTY SIX OR THEREABOUTS. [REDACTED] KNOWS NOTHING FURTHER ON THIS BUT MERELY FURNISHED THIS FOR ASSISTANCE. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO

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LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JAMES MAGRAW AND OTHERS MENTIONED BY [REDACTED]  
AS APPEARING IN REF REPORT, WHO WERE MEMBERS OF JOHN REED CLUB AND WHO  
MAY HAVE KNOWN ANNA ROSENBERG AS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF THAT CLUB.

[REDACTED] HAS BEEN SERVED WITH SUBPOENA TO APPEAR BEFORE ARMED  
SERVICES COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON, DC ON [REDACTED] AND WILL  
ATTEND ON THAT DAY IN ANSWER TO SUBPOENA.

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WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK 4 8 356 AM

DIRECTOR URGENT

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB, SI.

ATTENTION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ROSEN.

BENJAMIN D. FREEDMAN RE-INTERVIEWED DEC. SEVEN. HE ADVISED THAT HE HAD ORIGINALLY OBTAINED HIS LEAD IN THIS CASE FROM AN ATTORNEY FRIEND WHOM HE REFUSED TO IDENTIFY AND SAID THAT THIS LEAD WAS OBTAINED ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO. FROM FURTHER CONVERSATION WITH FREEDMAN IT APPEARS THAT THIS ATTORNEY MAY BE HALLAM RICHARDSON. AT RICHARDSON-S INSISTENCE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO INTERVIEW RICHARDSON ON AFTERNOON OF DEC. EIGHT FIFTY RATHER THAN NIGHT OF DEC. SEVEN. FREEDMAN ADVISED HE FIRST CONTACTED [ ] TELEPHONICALLY ON DEC. TWO LAST, THAT HE SAW HIM PERSONALLY FOR THE FIRST TIME AT NINE AM DEC. THREE LAST AT [ ] HOME. HE AGAIN SAW [ ] AT HIS HOME ON DEC. FOUR LAST AND ON DEC. FIVE LAST [ ] CAME TO FREEDMAN-S HOME, THREE HUNDRED CENTRAL PARK WEST, NYC, AND TYPED OUT ON FREEDMAN-S TYPEWRITER A SIGNED STATEMENT. A PHOTOSTATIC COPY OF THIS STATEMENT WAS MADE AVAILABLE BY FREEDMAN AND IT IS NOTED THAT IT WAS SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF BENJAMIN FREEDMAN AND SIGNED BY FREEDMAN IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC. THE STATEMENT IS DATED DEC. FIVE, LAST, CITY OF NY. FREEDMAN DENIED

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THAT HE IN ANY WAY TOLD [ ] THAT HE REPRESENTED ANY OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, BUT RATHER THAT HE WAS MERELY INTERESTED IN INFORMATION CONCERNING ANNA M. ROSENBERG AS A PATRIOTIC CITIZEN. FREEDMAN THEN STATED THAT HE WENT TO WASH., DC SOME TIME AFTER OBTAINING THIS SIGNED STATEMENT., THAT HE CONTACTED A FRIEND OF HIS IN THE GOVERNMENT AND INQUIRED ABOUT THE CONFIRMATION OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG BY THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE. HE STATED THAT HE ALSO CONTACTED THREE VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS IN WASH., DC AND THAT THEY IN TURN CONTACTED SOME SENATORS IN WASH., DC. HE DID NOT NAME THE SENATORS THAT WERE CONTACTED. HE ADVISED THAT HE DISTRIBUTED BETWEEN TWENTY AND THIRTY PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF THE SIGNED STATEMENT OF [ ] IN WASH., DC. HE DID NOT ENUMERATE TO WHOM GAVE OUT THESE SIGNED STATEMENTS. FREEDMAN ALSO TURNED OVER TO THE AGENTS A COPY OF FULTON LEWIS- RADIO BROADCAST OF DEC. SIX, LAST STATING THAT HE PURCHASED SEVERAL OF THESE COPIES FROM RADIO REPORTS INC. TWO TWO NAUGHT EAST

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FORTYSECOND ST., NYC, AND ADVISED THAT HE DID THIS FOR HIS OWN INFO.  
HE VOLUNTEERED THE INFO THAT HE DID NOT CONTACT FULTON LEWIS AND  
DID NOT FURNISH A COPY OF THE SIGNED STATEMENT TO HIM. HE INDICATED  
THAT HE FELT THAT SINCE FULTON LEWIS HAD MADE THIS INFO AVAILABLE  
TO EIGHTEEN MILLION PEOPLE OVER THE AIRWAYS ON THE EVENING OF DEC.  
SIX LAST, HE NOW FELT HE COULD SPEAK FREELY IN THIS MATTER.

HE INDICATED THAT HE WAS RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER AT LENGTH  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE FIRST INTERVIEW BY FBI AGENTS PENDING DISSEM-  
INATION OF THIS INFO BY SOMEONE ELSE. FREEDMAN ADVISED THAT HE RECIEVED  
A CALL TODAY FROM SOMEONE IN WASH., DC WHOM HE REFUSED TO IDENTIFY,  
BUT WHOM HE INDICATED WAS CONNECTED WITH THE GOVT. IN SOME WAY,  
REQUESTING HIM TO CHECK THE INCORPORATION PAPERS OF THE ORGANIZATION  
SCIENCE AND SOCIETY. HE ADVISED HE FELT AND THE PARTY WHO MADE THE  
REQUEST FELT THAT PERHAPS ANNA M. ROSENBERG WOULD BE LISTED AS ONE OF  
THE INCORPORATORS AND THAT FOR THIS REASON THEY WANTED TO GET THE NAMES  
OF THESE INDIVIDUALS. HE ADVISED THAT HE CHECKED THE CORP. PAPERS  
AND THAT HER NAME DID NOT APPEAR AMONT THE NAMES OF THE INCORPORATORS.

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FREEDMAN ADVISED THAT IF HE COMES ACROSS ANY OTHER INFO THAT HE FEELS  
WILL BE OF VALUE IN THIS INVESTIGATION HE WILL IMMEDIATELY CONTACT  
AGENTS OF THIS OFFICE.

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*cc: Mr. Rosen*

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ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN JOHN REED CLUB,  
SPECIAL INQUIRY. JAMES MC GRAW INTERVIEWED AT HIS RESIDENCE, TWO TWO  
SIX WEST TENTH ST, NYC, AM OF DEC EIGHTH. MC GRAW STATES THAT HE  
FIRST MET [REDACTED] WHEN LATTER WAS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SOMETIME IN NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE.

MC GRAW STATES HE, HIMSELF, WAS HIRED AS SUPERVISOR TO INTERVIEW  
APPLICANT WRITERS FOR PROJECT AND THAT HE EVENTUALLY BECAME CHIEF  
PROJECT SUPERVISOR IN NYC WHILE [REDACTED]  
HE STATED THAT HE HAS NOT SEEN [REDACTED] FOR THE PAST TWELVE YEARS AND  
WAS NEVER PARTICULARLY FRIENDLY WITH THE LATTER. AT THE OUTSET OF  
INTERVIEW MC GRAW WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY A NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE PHOTO-  
GRAPH OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG AND WHEN SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED OF HER IDEN-  
TITY BY INTERVIEWING AGENT, HE STATED THAT HE WAS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH  
HER AND HAD NEVER SEEN HER PERSONALLY. MC GRAW DENIED MEMBERSHIP OR  
AFFILIATION WITH JOHN REED CLUB AND STATED THAT TO THE BEST OF HIS  
RECOLLECTION DID NOT ATTEND MEETINGS OF THIS CLUB. HE STATED THAT THE  
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POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT HE MAY HAVE ATTENDED SOME FUNCTION OF A SOCIAL NATURE SPONSORED BY THIS CLUB, HOWEVER, HE HAS NO RECOLLECTION OF SUCH ATTENDANCE. HE STATED THAT HE NEVER HAD A SOCIAL ACQUAINTANCE WITH [REDACTED], WHOM HE STATES THAT HE HAS ALWAYS DISLIKED, AND SPECIFICALLY DENIES THAT HE EVER ATTENDED ANY MEETINGS OF THE JOHN REED CLUB OR ANY OTHER POLITICAL OR SOCIAL GATHERINGS WITH [REDACTED]. HE STATED THAT HE IS CERTAIN THAT MRS. ROSENBERG HAD NO INFLUENCE ON THE SELECTION OF EMPLOYEES FOR THE WRITERS PROJECT AND IT WAS HIS BELIEF THAT ALL BUT SEVEN TO TEN PERCENT OF THESE EMPLOYEES WERE SELECTED FROM HOME RELIEF ROLLS. HE STATED THAT AS WELL AS BEING UNACQUAINTED WITH MRS ROSENBERG HE HAS ABSOLUTELY NO KNOWLEDGE OF HER POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS OR BELIEFS AND SPECIFICALLY DENIED HAVING EXPRESSED ANY STATEMENT OR OPINION TO ANYONE CONCERNING SUCH BELIEFS. WHEN ASKED IF HE WOULD FURNISH A SIGNED STATEMENT ENCOMPASSING THE ABOVE STATEMENTS, HE STATED THAT HE WOULD WILLINGLY

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DO SO, AND THEN AT HIS REQUEST, HE WAS PERMITTED TO PREPARE THE FOLLOWING TYPED STATEMENT...QUOTE DECEMBER EIGHTH, NINETEEN FIFTY. I, JAMES MC GRAW, RESIDING AT TWO TWO SIX WEST TENTH ST, NYC, MAKE THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTARY STATEMENT TO JOHN J. DANAHY, WHOM I KNOW TO BE A SPECIAL AGENT OF THE FBI. TO THE BEST OF MY RECOLLECTION, I FIRST BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH ONE [REDACTED] SOMETIME IN THIRTYFIVE WHEN HE WAS HIRED AS A [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT NO TIME BEFORE OR DURING THAT PERIOD WAS I EVER WHAT MIGHT BE TERMED QUOTE FRIENDLY UNQUOTE WITH [REDACTED] AND I ESPECIALLY DENY THAT I EVER URGED [REDACTED] TO ATTEND MEETINGS AT ANY POLITICAL OR OTHER GATHERING OR THAT I EVER ACCOMPANIED HIM TO SUCH MEETINGS AT ANY TIME. THE ABOVE OF COURSE, EXCLUDES NECESSARY EDITORIAL MEETINGS OF THE WRITERS PROJECT. I WAS NEVER A MEMBER OF THE JOHN REED CLUB ANYWHERE AND, TO MY BEST RECOLLECTION, DID NOT ATTEND ANY OF THEIR MEETINGS. I MAY, HOWEVER, HAVE AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER, ATTENDED SOME SORT OF FUNCTION OF THE QUOTE REED UNQUOTE ORGANIZATION, BUT DO NOT REMEMBER HAVING DONE SO. I HAVE NEVER IN MY LIFE MET ANNA ROSENBERG NOR HAVE I SEEN HER IN  
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PERSON AND AM NOT FAMILIAR WITH HER BELIEFS, POLITICALLY OR OTHERWISE. MR DANAHY HAS SHOWN ME A PHOTOGRAPH OF SAID MRS ROSENBERG WHICH I AM UNABLE TO IDENTIFY. I NEVER, AT ANY TIME, COULD HAVE MADE ANY STATEMENTS AS TO MRS ROSENBERGS POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS OR BELIEFS. ON THE OTHER HAND, HAVING BEEN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FOR SOME TIME, I HAVE FOUND HIM TO BE A PERSON OF EXTREME DISHONESTY AND ONE WHO WOULD STOP AT NOTHING FOR BITS OF NOTORIETY IN WHICH HE COULD STAND OUT. HE HAD SHOWN TIME AND AGAIN HIS LOVE FOR PERSONAL PUBLICITY AND WENT TO RIDICULOUS MEANS TO OBTAIN SUCH ON MANY OCCASIONS. I HAVE READ THE ABOVE STATEMENT CONSISTING OF ONE TYPEWRITTEN PAGE AND IT IS THE TRUTH TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

THIS STATEMENT WAS PREPARED BY MY OWN HAND. UNQUOTE. MC GRAW WAS ASKED WHETHER OR NOT HE HAD EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF OR AFFILIATED WITH THE CP AND HE STATED THAT HE HAD NEVER BEEN A MEMBER OF OR AFFILIATED WITH THE CP AND THAT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY AFFIRMED THIS UNDER OATH WHEN QUESTIONED BY THE HCUA DURING THE EXISTENCE OF THE FEDERAL WRITERS PROJECT. HE STATED THAT HE HAD ALWAYS BEEN AN ANTI-COMMUNIST AND WOULD CLASSIFY HIMSELF AS A TRUE LIBERAL WHO DISPISED TOTALITARIANISM IN ANY FORM. HE STATED THAT WHEN HE WAS CHIEF PROJECT SUPERVISOR IN NYC OF THE FEDERAL WRITERS PROJECT, THERE WERE

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APPROX FIVE HUNDRED TWENTYFIVE WRITERS EMPLOYED THEREIN AND THAT HE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED BY THE HCUA OF THE IDENTITY OF APPROX ONE HUNDRED TWENTY CP MEMBERS WHO WERE MEMBERS OF A CP UNIT WITHIN THE PROJECT. HE STATED THAT THE HCUA OBTAINED THESE NAMES FROM EDWARD K. BANTA, A PROJECT WRITER WHO HAD JOINED THE CP AND HAD BEEN APPOINTED SECRETARY OF THE UNIT WITHIN THE PROJECT. MC GRAW CHARACTERIZED BANTA AS A QUOTE PSYCHOPATHIC UNQUOTE. HOWEVER, HE STATED THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION IN HIS MIND THAT THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY LISTED INDIVIDUALS WERE CP MEMBERS. HE RELATED THAT THEY VERY STUPIDLY GAVE TO BANTA FOR A BIRTHDAY PRESENT A COPY OF A BOOK BY EARL BROWDER WHICH THEY HAD ALL QUOTE LOVINGLY AUTOGRAPHED UNQUOTE FOR BANTA, AND WHICH HE PRODUCED BEFORE THE HCUA TO THEIR EXTREME CONSTERNATION. MC GRAW ADVISED THAT HE IS AWARE OF THE FACT THAT HE HAS BEEN CALLED A COMMUNIST ON MANY OCCASIONS AND STATED THAT IT IS HIS BELIEF THAT HE HAS BEEN CALLED A FASCIST BY CP MEMBERS QUITE AS FREQUENTLY. HE STATED THAT AFTER RECEIVING THE LIST OF ALLEGED CP MEMBERS IN HIS PROJECT, HE ADVISED HENRY ALSBERG, WHO WAS THEN NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF THIS PROJECT. ALSBERG ADVISED HIM THAT WHILE THE LAW FORBADE HIM TO INQUIRE CONCERNING ANY EMPLOYEE-S POLITICAL BELIEFS, NEVERTHELESS, HE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO DISCHARGE AS MANY OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY AS POSSIBLE, USING INCOMPETENCY AS AN EXCUSE. HE

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STATED THAT HE DID DISCHARGE A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF THEM AND AS A RESULT WAS PICKETED AND DENOUNCED BY THE CP. IN CONCLUSION, HE ADVISED THAT HE WOULD CHARACTERIZE [REDACTED] ALLEGATION AS OUTRIGHT LIES, HAVING NO BASIS WHATSOEVER IN FACT OR TRUTH. HE STATED THAT HE BELIEVES THAT [REDACTED] IS PERSONALLY WITHOUT CHARACTER AND CAPABLE OF DOING ANYTHING FOR PERSONAL GAIN OR NOTORIETY. HE ADVISED THAT HE AD READ AN ITEM IN THE NY DAILY NEWS OF THIS DATE, INDICATING THAT THREE WITNESSES WERE APPEARING BEFORE A SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE INSTANT MATTER, AND FURTHER ADVISED THAT WERE HE CALLED, HE WOULD FURNISH THE SAME INFO AS SET FORTH ABOVE. MC GRAW STATED THAT HE IS CURRENTLY SELF EMPLOYED AS A FREE LANCE WRITER AND THAT HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT OF NOTE WAS THE DAILY PREPARATION AND EDITING OF THE PRINTED PROGRAM OF THE YONKERS RACEWAY ASSN., A LOCAL TROTTING TRACK. THE INTERVIEW WAS CONCLUDED AT TWELVE THIRTY PM BECAUSE OF A NOON TIME BUSINESS APPOINTMENT OF MC GRAW, AND AT HIS REQUEST HE WAS PERMITTED TO RETAIN A CARBON COPY OF THE SIGNED STATEMENT WHICH HE HAD PREPARED. FURTHER INTERVIEW CONTEMPLATED WHEN MC GRAW AVAILABLE. BUREAU NOTE THAT MC GRAW NOT USING NAME MC GRAW.

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ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REID CLUB., SPECIAL INQUIRY. STELLA BUCHWALD, TWO ONE FIVE EAST TWELFTH ST., NYC, INTERVIEWED DEC. EIGHTH, FIFTY, ADMITS MEMBERSHIP IN JOHN REID CLUB BUT STATES THAT SHE DID NOT KNOW ANY ANNA ROSENBERG, NOR DID SHE RECOGNIZE PICTURE OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG.

STATES THAT CLUB WAS ASSOCIATION OF ARTISTS AND THAT THERE WERE ALWAYS NUMEROUS PEOPLE AT MEETINGS THEREOF AND THAT SHE KNEW VERY FEW OF THEM AND COULD NOT RECALL ANY NAMES. DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF WHEREABOUTS OF HER HUSBAND, IRVING, DURING DAY BUT STATED THAT HE MAY BE CONTACTED AT HIS HOME AT NIGHT. IRVING BUCHWALD WILL BE CONTACTED AND BUREAU ADVISED.

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DIRECTOR AND SAC, BALTIMORE

ALLEGATIONS OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN

REED CLUB. INFO OF BALTIMORE OFFICE, [REDACTED]

CP MEMBER, HAS FURNISHED A SIGNED STATEMENT WHEREIN HE STATES THAT ONE JAMES MAGRAW,, WHOM [REDACTED] SAID WAS A CP MEMBER IN MID NINETEEN THIRTIES, AND [REDACTED] IN THE FALL OF NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR TOOK [REDACTED] TO A MEETING OF THE JOHN REED CLUB AT THE NYC WHERE MAGRAW POINTED OUT TO [REDACTED] ANNA ROSENBERG WHO MAGRAW SAID, ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] WAS A MEMBER OF THE CP. [REDACTED] ALSO SAYS THAT HE SAW ANNA ROSENBERG AT THREE OR FOUR OTHER MEETINGS OF THE JOHN REED CLUB IN THE PERIOD OF FALL, NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR - FALL, NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE. [REDACTED] IDENTIFIES THIS ANNA ROSENBERG AS ANNA M. ROSENBERG, PRESENTLY ASSISTANT TO SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, US GOVERNMENT.

[REDACTED] WAS SUBPOENAED BY THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE AND WAS EXPECTED TO TESTIFY BEFORE THAT COMMITTEE IN REGARD TO ROSENBERG TODAY,

[REDACTED] CREDIBILITY NOT KNOWN TO THIS OFFICE.

JAMES MAGRAW, MENTIONED BY [REDACTED] HAS FURNISHED SIGNED STATEMENT ON DEC. EIGHT, FIFTY, DENYING HE WAS EVER A MEMBER IN CP, THAT HE EVER ATTENDED ANY MEETINGS WITH [REDACTED] THAT HE EVER MET ANNA ROSENBERG, AND STATING THAT HE DOES NOT BELIEVE RALPH DE SOLA TO BE

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RELIABLE. IN INTERVIEWS [REDACTED] MENTIONED, AMONG OTHER INDIVIDUALS, ONE ROY JACOBSON, RESIDING SILVER SPRINGS, MARYLAND, AS A [REDACTED] HAD NOT BEEN A COMMUNIST, TO [REDACTED] KNOWLEDGE, AND NEVER A MEMBER OF THE JOHN REED CLUB BUT ONE WHO WAS ACTIVE AT THE WRITERS PROJECT OF WPA WHERE BOTH [REDACTED] AND JAMES MAGRAW WERE EMPLOYED.

[REDACTED] ALSO SAID THAT JACOBSON CONDUCTED SOME TYPE OF INVESTIGATION CONCERNING COMMUNISM AT THE WRITERS PROJECT OF WPA AND INDICATED HE BELIEVED THAT JACOBSON MIGHT POSSIBLY HAVE SOME KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING MEMBERS OF THE JOHN REED CLUB AND MIGHT KNOW OF ANN ROSENBERG. BALTIMORE WILL INTERVIEW ROY JACOBSON CONCERNING ANY INFO HE HAS REGARDING ANNA M. ROSENBERG, ANY MEMBERSHIP OF ROSENBERG IN JOHN REED CLUB OR IN CP AND ANY KNOWLEDGE HE HAS TO MEMBERSHIP OF JAMES MAGRAW IN JOHN REED CLUB OR CP. FURTHERMORE, WILL SECURE FROM ROY JACOBSON THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ANY PERSONS JACOBSON KNOWS WERE MEMBERS OF THE JOHN REED CLUB IN NYC, ANY COMMENTS THAT JACOBSON MAKES RE RELIABILITY OF [REDACTED] OR JAMES MAGRAW SHOULD BE SET OUT. EXPEDITE SUTEL.

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